

# Relaxation Analysis for the Dynamic Knapsack Problem with Stochastic Item Sizes

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## Abstract

We consider a version of the knapsack problem in which an item size is random and revealed only when the decision maker attempts to insert it. After every successful insertion the decision maker can dynamically choose the next item based on the remaining capacity and available items, while an unsuccessful insertion terminates the process. We build on a semi-infinite relaxation introduced in previous work, known as the Multiple Choice Knapsack (MCK) bound. Our first contribution is an asymptotic analysis of MCK showing that it is asymptotically tight under appropriate assumptions. In our second contribution, we examine a new, improved relaxation based on a quadratic value function approximation, which introduces the notion of diminishing returns by encoding interactions between remaining items. We compare this bound to others from the literature, including the best known pseudo-polynomial bound. The quadratic bound is theoretically more efficient than the pseudo-polynomial bound, yet empirically comparable to it in both value and running time.

## 1 Introduction

The deterministic knapsack problem is a fundamental discrete optimization model that has been studied extensively in areas such as computer science, operations research and industrial engineering. Recently, knapsack models under uncertainty have been the subject of much research, both to model resource allocation problems with uncertain parameters, and as a subproblem in more general discrete optimization problems under uncertainty, such as stochastic integer programming. In particular, dynamic knapsack problems, where decisions occur sequentially and problem parameters may be revealed dynamically, have been a topic of ongoing interest; such models have seen many applications, including in scheduling [9], equipment replacement [10], and machine learning [14, 15, 24].

The dynamic knapsack model variant we analyze here has stochastic item sizes that are only revealed to the decision maker after they attempt to insert an item. Throughout the process, the remaining items and their respective size distributions are available, and the process only continues if an attempted item's realized size fits within the remaining capacity. This differs from more static models, in which the decision maker decides on a particular subset of items ahead of time, essentially attempting to insert the set all at once, and the question is whether that set fits in the knapsack with a desired probability, e.g. [12].

Having the flexibility to choose subsequent items in light of the revealed sizes of previous items intuitively can lead to a higher overall expected value than a more static approach. However, this added freedom raises the complexity of the problem both in practice and theory. A feasible solution to this problem now takes the form of a policy that dictates what the decision maker should attempt to insert under any possible state, as opposed to deciding on a subset of items to insert a priori. Such added difficulty motivates work to develop reasonably tight and tractable relaxations, as well as high-quality, efficient policies. In particular, [4] introduced a Multiple-Choice Knapsack (MCK) semi-infinite relaxation that stems from an affine value function approximation; our goal in this paper is to provide theoretical analysis to understand this relaxation’s quality and to improve it when a gap remains. Our contributions can be summarized as:

- i)* We prove the MCK bound is asymptotically tight by comparing it to a natural greedy policy under two distinct but related regimes. Therefore, the computationally efficient MCK model provides increasingly tighter bounds for instances with larger numbers of items. In addition, this result provides an alternative proof of the asymptotic optimality of the greedy policy, recently shown in [2].
- ii)* We introduce a quadratic relaxation that builds on MCK by encoding interactions between pairs of remaining items, and show that it maintains polynomial solvability. For instances with a medium number of items, where MCK has a gap but dynamic programming is intractable, the quadratic bound is comparable to the best known pseudo-polynomial bound [24] in both value and running time, even making considerable improvement in some cases.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. We conclude this section with a brief literature review. Section 2 states the problem formulation and preliminaries, including the relevant previous results. Section 3 provides the asymptotic analysis of the MCK bound. Section 4 then studies the improved quadratic bound, examining structural results and outlining a computational study. Section 5 concludes, and an appendix contains proofs and computational experiment data not included in the main article.

## 1.1 Literature Review

The knapsack problem and its generalizations have been studied for over half a century, having applications in areas as varied as budgeting, finance, and scheduling; see [19, 25]. The knapsack problem under various forms of uncertainty has specifically received attention as well; [19, Chapter 14] surveys some of these results. In general, optimization under uncertainty can be modeled via either a *static* approach that chooses a solution a priori, or a dynamic (sometimes called *adaptive* [7, 8, 9]) approach that chooses a solution sequentially based on realized parameters. Examples of a priori knapsack models with uncertain item values include [5, 16, 27, 31, 32], a priori models with uncertain item sizes include [11, 12, 20, 21], and an a priori model with both uncertain values and sizes can be found in [26]. Dynamic models for knapsacks with uncertain item sizes include [3, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15], while [18] study a dynamic model with uncertain item values. Another variant, the *stochastic and dynamic* knapsack, examines the case where items are not initially given but rather arrive dynamically according to a stochastic process; see [22, 23, 28] .

Regarding our dynamic variant of the stochastic knapsack problem in particular, [10] first studied the version with exponentially distributed item sizes, and showed that the greedy policy that inserts items based on their value-to-mean-size ratio is optimal in this case. More recently, [7, 9] studied the problem in its full generality, providing two linear programming bounds with polynomially many variables, showing that both were within a constant multiplicative gap, and investigating

greedy approximate policies. Afterwards, [14, 15, 24] researched bounds under the assumption of integer size support, evaluating the performance of LP relaxations of pseudo-polynomial size and developing randomized policies based on their optimal solutions. Their framework applied to variants beyond the problem studied here, including correlated random item values, preemption, and the multi-armed bandits problem with budgeted learning.

Using value function approximations to obtain relaxations of dynamic programs dates back to [1, 6, 30, 33]. The results in [4] provide the technique’s first application for a stochastic knapsack model, evaluating various bounds. The investigation of asymptotic properties of relaxations via a comparison to a natural greedy policy was initially empirically suggested by computational results in [4]; the asymptotic optimality of the greedy policy was then shown by [2] using *information relaxation* duality techniques.

## 2 Problem Formulation and Preliminaries

As with the deterministic knapsack problem, suppose we have a knapsack with capacity  $b > 0$  and item set  $N := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Each item  $i$  has a deterministic value  $c_i > 0$ . Item sizes are now independent random variables  $A_i \geq 0$ , each drawn from an arbitrary but known distribution. An item size is realized after the decision maker attempts to insert it. When attempting to insert an item  $i$ , the decision maker is faced with two outcomes: If  $i$  fits, value  $c_i$  is collected and the remaining capacity is updated; or,  $i$  is too large, and the process ends, i.e. we only allow one failed insertion. A *policy* stipulates what item to insert, and may depend on the remaining items and remaining capacity. The objective is to maximize the expected value of successfully inserted items.

This problem can be modeled as a *dynamic program* (DP). Each possible state the decision maker faces can be defined by the non-empty set of remaining items  $M \subseteq N$  and remaining capacity  $s \in [0, b]$ . For a given state  $(M, s)$ , the possible actions allowed consist of attempting to insert an item  $i \in M$ . If we define  $v_M^*(s)$  as the optimal expected value at state  $(M, s)$ , the Bellman recursion is

$$v_M^*(s) = \max_{i \in M} \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq s)(c_i + \mathbf{E}[v_{M \setminus i}^*(s - A_i) | A_i \leq s]), \quad (1)$$

with the base case  $v_\emptyset^*(s) = 0$ . Intuitively speaking, should the attempted item  $i$  have size greater than  $s$ , we collect nothing, but should it fit we collect both the item’s value  $c_i$  and the optimal expected value of the subsequent state, that is,  $(M \setminus i, s - A_i)$ . The *linear programming* (LP) formulation of this problem is

$$\min_v v_N(b) \quad (2a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } v_{M \cup i}(s) \geq \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq s)(c_i + \mathbf{E}[v_M(s - A_i) | A_i \leq s]), \quad (2b)$$

$$i \in N, M \subseteq N \setminus i, s \in [0, b] \quad (2c)$$

$$v_M : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad M \subseteq N. \quad (2d)$$

This is a doubly infinite LP, as there are a continuum of constraints over all  $s \in [0, b]$ , and variables  $v_M$  are real-valued functions.

**Notation** To simplify notation, we denote an item size’s cumulative distribution function by  $F_i(s) := \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq s)$  for  $i \in N$ , and its complement by  $\bar{F}_i(s) := \mathbf{P}(A_i > s)$ . Additionally, the *mean truncated size* of item  $i \in N$  at capacity  $s \in [0, b]$  is the quantity  $\tilde{E}_i(s) := \mathbf{E}[\min\{s, A_i\}]$  [7, 9, 34]; this quantity frequently comes up in the rest of the paper. Intuitively, if the remaining capacity is  $s$ , we should not care about the distribution of item  $i$ ’s size above  $s$ , as any such realization will result in a failed insertion.

## 2.1 Multiple-Choice Knapsack Bound

The doubly infinite LP (2) cannot in general be efficiently solved. However, any feasible solution to the LP provides a valid upper bound on the optimal solution. Earlier work in [4] examines the bound resulting from approximating the optimal value function as

$$v_M(s) \approx qs + r_0 + \sum_{i \in M} r_i, \quad (3)$$

where  $r_0$  represents the inherent value of keeping the knapsack available,  $r_i$  is the value of having item  $i$  available, and  $q$  is the marginal value of the remaining capacity.

**Proposition 2.1** ([4]). *The best possible bound given by approximation (3) is the solution of the semi-infinite LP*

$$\min_{q,r} qb + r_0 + \sum_{i \in N} r_i \quad (4a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } q\tilde{E}_i(s) + r_0\bar{F}_i(s) + r_i \geq c_i F_i(s), \quad \forall i \in N, s \in [0, b] \quad (4b)$$

$$r, q \geq 0. \quad (4c)$$

The finite-support strong dual of (4) provides an approximation with a more intuitive problem structure:

$$\max_x \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{s \in [0, b]} c_i x_{i,s} F_i(s) \quad (5a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{s \in [0, b]} x_{i,s} \tilde{E}_i(s) \leq b \quad (5b)$$

$$\sum_{i \in N} \sum_{s \in [0, b]} x_{i,s} \bar{F}_i(s) \leq 1 \quad (5c)$$

$$\sum_{s \in [0, b]} x_{i,s} \leq 1, \quad \forall i \in N \quad (5d)$$

$$x \geq 0, \quad x \text{ has finite support.} \quad (5e)$$

This is a two-dimensional, fractional *multiple-choice knapsack* problem [19], henceforth referred to as the MCK bound. MCK is efficiently solvable for many common distributions, such as those whose cumulative distribution function is piecewise convex [4]. This work also includes an extensive computational study indicating that MCK becomes tighter as the number of items increases, motivating the asymptotic analysis in Section 3. However, many instances still exhibit a noticeable bound/policy gap; Section 4 thus examines a new bound that tightens this gap while maintaining computational efficiency.

## 2.2 Pseudo-Polynomial Bound

When item sizes have integer support, [24] proposes a pseudo-polynomial (PP) bound,

$$\max_x \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{s=0}^b c_i x_{i,s} F_i(s) \quad (6a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{s=\sigma}^b x_{i,s} \bar{F}_i(s - \sigma) \leq 1, \quad \sigma = 0, \dots, b \quad (6b)$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^b x_{i,s} \leq 1, \quad i \in N \quad (6c)$$

$$x \geq 0, \quad (6d)$$

which arises from the value function approximation

$$v_M(s) \approx \sum_{i \in M} r_i + \sum_{\sigma=0}^s w_\sigma. \quad (7)$$

When available, this bound is provably tighter than MCK [4] and serves as a benchmark to determine the strength of polynomially solvable bounds. We use both PP and MCK to gauge the strength of the new quadratic bound in Section 4.

### 3 Asymptotic Analysis

We first define necessary terms and assumptions used in the analysis. The *greedy ordering* [10] sorts items with respect to their value-to-mean-size ratio,  $c_i/E[A_i]$ , in non-increasing order. The *greedy policy* attempts to insert items in this order until either all of the items have successfully been inserted or an attempted insertion violates capacity.

Our analysis in this section slightly generalizes the original problem setup by assuming the decision maker has access to an infinite sequence of items sorted according to the greedy ordering; in other words,  $N = \{1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$  and  $c_i/E[A_i] \geq c_{i+1}/E[A_{i+1}]$ . We can thus study the asymptotic behavior of policy and bound as functions of capacity only. This problem setup differs from results in [2], where the item set  $N$  also grows as part of the analysis; our results are arguably stronger in the sense that they do not depend on the order in which items become available to the decision maker (as the entire sequence is always available). To further compare our techniques to [2], we include a second analysis under their regime below in Section 3.1.

We must further clarify how we define  $v^*$  for the infinite item case, as the original formulation is defined recursively for finitely many items. Let  $v_{[n]}^*(b)$  and  $\text{MCK}_{[n]}(b)$  denote the value function and MCK bound, respectively, with respect to the first  $n$  items according to the greedy ordering. Note that both of these quantities are monotonically nondecreasing sequences with respect to  $n$ , and for fixed  $b$ ,  $v_{[n]}^*(b) \leq \text{MCK}_{[n]}(b)$  holds for every  $n$  [4]. We thus define  $v_N^*(b) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_{[n]}^*(b)$ , and similarly define  $\text{MCK}(b) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MCK}_{[n]}(b)$ . To show that both of these limits exist and are finite, it suffices to find a finite upper bound for  $\text{MCK}_{[n]}(b)$  for all  $n$ ; such a bound is provided below.

Let  $\text{Greedy}(b)$  refer to the expected policy value as a function of the knapsack capacity  $b$ ; note this is already well defined for the infinite item case since the greedy ordering is assumed to be fixed. We use the greedy policy to show that MCK (5) is asymptotically tight; in the process, this also proves that the greedy policy is asymptotically optimal, yielding an alternate proof to [2]. To proceed with the analysis, we make the following assumptions.

**Assumption 3.1.** Among all items  $i$ ,

- i*) expectation is uniformly bounded from above and below,  $0 < \underline{\mu} \leq E(A_i) \leq \hat{\mu}$ , and
- ii*) variance is uniformly bounded from above,  $\text{Var}(A_i) \leq V$ ,

for some constants  $\underline{\mu}, \hat{\mu}, V$ .

**Assumption 3.2.** The sum of item values grows fast enough:  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i = \Omega(k^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon})$ . For example, having a uniform non-zero lower bound for all  $c_i$  suffices.

**Assumption 3.3.**

$$c'_0 := \sup_{\substack{s \in [0, \infty) \\ i=1,2,\dots}} [\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s] < \infty. \quad (8)$$

Intuitively, this last assumption governs the behavior of the size distributions' tails; we discuss some examples below.

We separate the analysis into four auxiliary results. The first result is a probability statement used in later proofs.

**Remark 3.4.** Denote  $\mathbb{E}[A_i]$  by the shorthand  $\mathbb{E}_i$ . Then,

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_i - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_i(s)}{\bar{F}_i(s)} = \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s.$$

*Proof.* By definition,

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_i - \tilde{\mathbb{E}}_i(s)}{\bar{F}_i(s)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}_i - (\bar{F}_i(s)s + F_i(s)\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s])}{\bar{F}_i(s)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}_i - \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s]}{\bar{F}_i(s)} + (\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s] - s).$$

The fraction in the right hand side above simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathbb{E}_i - \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s]}{\bar{F}_i(s)} &= \frac{(\mathbb{E}_i - \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s])F_i(s)}{\bar{F}_i(s)F_i(s)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s]F_i(s)(F_i(s) - 1) + \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s]\bar{F}_i(s)F_i(s)}{\bar{F}_i(s)F_i(s)} \\ &= \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - \mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s]. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The second step establishes an upper bound for MCK.

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $b_k := \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbb{E}[A_i]$ . Under Assumptions 3.1 and 3.3, for any  $n$ ,

$$\text{MCK}_{[n]}(b_k) \leq \sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq b_k) + c_0,$$

where  $c_0$  is a constant independent of  $k$  and  $n$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $k$  and  $n$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $n \geq k$ , since we can establish the upper bound  $\text{MCK}_{[n]}(b_k) \leq \text{MCK}_{[k]}(b_k)$  for all  $n \leq k$ . For the sake of brevity we will abuse some notation in the proof, denoting  $b_k$  as  $b$  (and  $\mathbb{E}[A_i]$  as  $\mathbb{E}_i$ ). Recalling (4) is the dual to the MCK bound (5), we proceed to find a dual feasible solution.

We start at the case  $i \geq k$ . Let us set  $r_i = 0$ , which corresponds to allotting no value to items after item  $k$  in the greedy ordering. We must satisfy

$$q\tilde{\mathbb{E}}_i(s) + r_0\bar{F}_i(s) \geq c_i F_i(s), \quad \forall s \in [0, \infty).$$

Motivated by the possible case where  $F_i(s) = 1$ , if we set  $q = c_k/\mathbb{E}_k \geq c_i/\mathbb{E}_i$ , variable  $r_0$  must now satisfy

$$r_0\bar{F}_i(s) \geq c_i F_i(s) - q\tilde{\mathbb{E}}_i(s) = c_i - c_i\bar{F}_i(s) - q\tilde{\mathbb{E}}_i(s) + \left(\frac{c_k}{\mathbb{E}_k}\right)\mathbb{E}_i - \left(\frac{c_k}{\mathbb{E}_k}\right)\mathbb{E}_i$$

$$= \left[ c_i - \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) \mathbf{E}_i \right] + \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} [\mathbf{E}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s)] - c_i \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s).$$

Should  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) = 0$ , the constraint reduces to  $0 \geq 0$ . Thus, assuming  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \neq 0$ , there are three terms in the right hand side of the above inequality. Since  $r_0$  must upper bound such constraints for all  $i$  and  $s$ , we drop the first and last terms, both of which are non-positive. This yields constraints

$$r_0 \geq \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \left( \frac{\mathbf{E}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s)}{\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s)} \right) = \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \left( \mathbf{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s \right), \quad \forall i \geq k, s \in [0, b], \quad (9)$$

where the equality holds by Remark 3.4.

Next, we examine the case  $i < k$ . To find a valid choice of  $r_i$ , we again are motivated by the (possible) case where  $\mathbf{F}_i(s) = 1$ , which implies

$$q\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s) + r_0\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) + r_i \geq c_i\mathbf{F}_i(s) \implies q\mathbf{E}_i + r_i \geq c_i \implies r_i \geq c_i - \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k}\mathbf{E}_i.$$

This is a non-negative value for  $r_i$  since the greedy ordering yields

$$r_i = c_i - \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k}\mathbf{E}_i = \mathbf{E}_i \left[ \frac{c_i}{\mathbf{E}_i} - \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right] \geq 0.$$

These choices of  $q$  and  $r_i$  present a dual objective of the desired form:

$$\begin{aligned} qb + \sum_{i \in N} r_i &= b \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) + \sum_{i < k} \mathbf{E}_i \left( \frac{c_i}{\mathbf{E}_i} - \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) = \sum_{i < k} c_i - \sum_{i < k} \mathbf{E}_i \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) + b \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i < k} c_i - \sum_{i < k} \mathbf{E}_i \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) + \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbf{E}_i \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) = \sum_{i < k} c_i + \mathbf{E}_k \left( \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \leq k} c_i = \sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbf{F}_i(b) + \sum_{i \leq k} c_i \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b). \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, noting that  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b) = \mathbf{P}(A_i > b_k) = \mathbf{P}(A_i > \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbf{E}_i) \leq \mathbf{P}(A_i > k\mu) \leq \mathbf{E}_i/k\mu \leq \hat{\mu}/k\mu$ , the sum  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b)$  can be upper bounded with

$$\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b) \leq \sum_{i \leq k} \frac{c_1 \mathbf{E}_i}{\mathbf{E}_1} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b) \leq \frac{c_1 \hat{\mu}}{\mu} \sum_{i \leq k} \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(b) \leq \frac{c_1 \hat{\mu}^2 k}{\mu^2 k} = \frac{c_1 \hat{\mu}^2}{\mu^2},$$

which is constant with respect to  $k$  and  $i$ . Therefore, the second sum in the objective can be upper bounded and absorbed into the  $c_0$  term.

It thus suffices to show that a valid choice for dual variable  $r_0$  exists such that it is constant with respect to  $k$  (and  $b_k$ ), for then we can also absorb  $r_0$  into  $c_0$ , completing the proof. Continuing the case where  $i < k$ , the constraints in (4) require that  $r_0$  satisfy

$$r_0 \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \geq c_i \mathbf{F}_i(s) - r_i - q \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s).$$

Should  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) = 0$ , the choices of  $r_i$  and  $q$  reduce the constraint to  $0 \geq 0$ . If  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \neq 0$ , the condition is

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &\geq \frac{c_i \mathbf{F}_i(s) - r_i - q \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s)}{\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s)} = \frac{c_i \mathbf{F}_i(s) - c_i + \frac{c_k \mathbf{E}_i}{\mathbf{E}_k} - \frac{c_k \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s)}{\mathbf{E}_k}}{\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s)} \\ &= \frac{-c_i \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) + \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} [\mathbf{E}_i - \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s)]}{\bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s)} = -c_i + \frac{c_k}{\mathbf{E}_k} [\mathbf{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s], \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from Remark 3.4. This holds if  $r_0$  satisfies

$$r_0 \geq \frac{c_k}{\mathbb{E}_k} [\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s], \quad \forall i \in [n], s \in [0, b],$$

which is exactly constraint (9) in the case that  $i \geq k$ . Recalling Assumption 3.3, setting  $r_0 = c_1 c'_0 / \mathbb{E}_1$  satisfies (9) for all values of  $i$  and  $s$ . Since  $r_0$  is constant with respect to  $k$  and  $n$  (and  $b_k$ ), we can set  $c_0 = c_1(\hat{\mu}^2/\underline{\mu}^2 + c'_0/\mathbb{E}_1)$ . This result holds for all  $n$ , completing the proof.  $\square$

The above result proves that the limit  $\text{MCK}(b_k)$  exists and is finite. Let  $S_k$  denote the sum of the first  $k$  sizes according to the greedy ordering,  $S_k := \sum_{i \leq k} A_i$ . The expected value of the greedy policy when restricted to the first  $k$  items under capacity  $b_k$  is trivially  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k)$ . This is a lower bound for the actual greedy policy, which considers all of the items instead of the first  $k$ . By Lemma 3.5, for each  $b_k$  we have a lower bound of

$$\frac{\text{Greedy}(b_k)}{\text{MCK}(b_k)} \geq \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k)}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq b_k) + c_0}.$$

The ratio in the left-hand side above is always at most 1 since the numerator is a feasible policy and the denominator is an upper bound on the optimal policy. We next examine the asymptotic nature of the lower bound.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Under Assumptions 3.1 and 3.2,*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k)}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq b_k) + c_0} = 1.$$

*Proof.* It suffices to show that the numerator can be lower bounded by  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i - O(\sqrt{k})$ , as the result will then follow from Assumption 3.2 and the trivial upper bound  $\mathbb{P}(A_i \leq b_k) \leq 1$ . Recalling  $b_k = \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbb{E}_i = \mathbb{E}[S_k]$ , we first upper bound the probability

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(S_i > b_k) &= \mathbb{P}(S_i - \mathbb{E}[S_i] > \mathbb{E}[S_k - S_i]) \leq \mathbb{P}(|S_i - \mathbb{E}[S_i]| > \mathbb{E}[S_k - S_i]) \\ &= \mathbb{P}((S_i - \mathbb{E}[S_i])^2 > (\mathbb{E}[S_k - S_i])^2) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(S_i)}{\left(\sum_{i < j \leq k} \mathbb{E}[A_i]\right)^2} \leq \frac{iV}{(k-i)^2 \underline{\mu}^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the second inequality comes from Markov's (or Chebyshev's) inequality. Next, we define upper bound  $\hat{c} := c_1 \hat{\mu} / \mathbb{E}_1 \geq c_i$ . Let  $j$  be some number such that  $j < k$ , to be determined. Using (10) yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k) = \sum_{i \leq j} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k) + \sum_{j < i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b_k) \\ &\geq \sum_{i \leq j} c_i \left[1 - \frac{iV}{(k-i)^2 \underline{\mu}^2}\right] + \sum_{j < i \leq k} c_i (1 - \mathbb{P}(S_i > b_k)) \geq \sum_{i \leq k} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \sum_{i \leq j} \frac{i}{(k-i)^2} - \hat{c}(k-j) \\ &\geq \sum_{i \leq k} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \int_0^{j+1} \frac{x}{(k-x)^2} dx - \hat{c}(k-j) = \sum_{i \leq k} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \left[\frac{j+1}{k-j-1} + \ln(k-j-1) - \ln k\right] - \hat{c}(k-j) \\ &= \sum_{i \leq k} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \left[\frac{k-\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{k}} + \ln(\sqrt{k}) - \ln k\right] - \hat{c}(\sqrt{k}+1) = \sum_{i \leq k} c_i - O(\sqrt{k}). \end{aligned}$$



The second to last equality occurs when we make the suitable choice  $k - j - 1 = \sqrt{k}$ , that is,  $j = k - \sqrt{k} - 1$ . Letting  $(k - j - 1)$  be of order  $\sqrt{k}$  consequently minimizes the order of the second and third terms (those that are not  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i$ ) to be of order  $\sqrt{k}$ ; one can easily check that choosing a different power of  $k$  will lead to an overall higher order for either the second term or third term.  $\square$

Lemma 3.6 examines the limit in terms of the number of items in the knapsack, a discrete sequence dependent on  $k$ , but we wish to show the asymptotic property over all positive values  $b$ . Therefore, we formalize this result in terms of the increasing knapsack capacity  $b$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *Suppose we are given a greedily ordered infinite sequence of items satisfying Assumptions 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3. Then,*

$$\frac{\text{Greedy}(b)}{\text{MCK}(b)} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } b \rightarrow \infty. \quad (11)$$

*Proof.* Given  $b$ , let  $b_{k_-}$  and  $b_{k_+}$  refer to the nearest  $b_k$  values below and above  $b$ , respectively. Then, trivially  $\text{Greedy}(b) \geq \text{Greedy}(b_{k_-})$ . Further,  $\text{MCK}(b) \leq \text{MCK}(b_{k_+})$  since the objective of MCK is nondecreasing with  $b$ . Therefore we obtain

$$\frac{\text{Greedy}(b)}{\text{MCK}(b)} \geq \frac{\text{Greedy}(b_{k_-})}{\text{MCK}(b_{k_+})} \geq \frac{\text{Greedy}(b_{k_-})}{\text{MCK}(b_{k_-}) + c_{k_+} F_{k_+}(b_{k_+})} \geq \frac{\text{Greedy}(b_{k_-})}{\text{MCK}(b_{k_-}) + c_0} \rightarrow 1.$$

The second inequality follows from decomposing the upper bound of  $\text{MCK}(b_{k_+})$  into the upper bound of  $\text{MCK}(b_{k_-})$  and the additional objective term involving item  $k_+$ , while the last inequality follows because every  $c_i F_i(b)$  term can be upper bounded by a constant, as in the proof of Lemma 3.6. The final expression goes to 1 by Lemma 3.6.  $\square$

This result is consistent with the computational experiments in [4] that spurred our analysis, which tested the MCK bound under the following distributions: bounded discrete distributions with two to five breakpoints, uniform, and exponential. Under all such distributions, the data suggested that MCK and Greedy were asymptotically equivalent; comparing with Assumption 3.3:

- Under the discrete and uniform distributions, the sizes exhibit uniformly bounded support. Thus, the value  $c'_0$  defined in Assumption 3.3 exists and is finite (it is simply the upper bound on item size support), and the theorem applies.
- Under the exponential distribution, suppose  $E[A_i] = 1/\lambda_i$ . By the memoryless property, for any  $i$  and any  $s$ ,

$$E[A_i | A_i > s] - s = (1/\lambda_i + s) - s = 1/\lambda_i < \infty.$$

Thus, if the item sizes have a uniformly bounded mean,  $c'_0$  exists and is finite, and the theorem applies.

According to the analysis in the proof of Lemma 3.6, if the sum of the item values grows as  $\Omega(g(k))$ , the numerator of the fraction is lower bounded by  $\Omega(g(k) - \sqrt{k})$ ; hence, the rate of convergence is  $O(\sqrt{k}/g(k))$ . For example, if  $g(k) = k$ , the rate of convergence is  $O(k^{-1/2})$ .

**Corollary 3.8.** *The rate of convergence of (11) is  $O(\sqrt{k}/g(k))$ , where  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i = \Omega(g(k))$ .*

Assumption 3.3 is not always straightforward to check for a particular distribution, so we provide an alternate set of sufficient conditions.

**Proposition 3.9.** *Suppose the following hold:*

- i) Among those items with bounded support, there exists a uniform finite upper bound.*
- ii) Among all items  $i$  without bounded support, there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  such that*
  - (a)  $\mathbb{P}(A_i > t) \geq e^{-\alpha t}$  for all  $t > 0$ , and*
  - (b)  $M_i(\alpha) := \mathbb{E}[e^{\alpha A_i}] \leq M(\alpha) < \infty$ ; that is, the moment generating function at  $\alpha$  exists and is uniformly bounded among such  $i$ .*
- iii) For all  $i$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(A_i > 0) \geq z > 0$ . Note that for continuous distributions we can trivially take  $z = 1$  since  $A_i$  is nonnegative.*

Then,

$$c'_0 = \sup_{\substack{s \in [0, \infty) \\ i=1,2,\dots}} [\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s] < \infty.$$

*Proof.* There are three cases for each item: an item has bounded support, unbounded support and zero probability of being 0, or unbounded support and nonzero probability of being 0. For each case we exhibit a uniform bound across all items of that case, then set  $c'_0$  to the maximum of these three absolute upper bounds.

The bounded support case is taken care of by the first condition. For the second case, consider any item  $i$ . Since  $A_i$  is a nonnegative random variable, by Markov's inequality

$$\mathbb{P}(A_i > t) = \mathbb{P}(e^{\alpha A_i} > e^{\alpha t}) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{\alpha A_i}]}{e^{\alpha t}}.$$

Further, recall for nonnegative random variables the identity  $\mathbb{E}[A_i] = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \bar{F}(t) dt$ . Thus, for the random variable  $(A_i - s)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[A_i - s | A_i > s] &= \frac{\int_{t=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(A_i - s > t) dt}{\mathbb{P}(A_i > s)} \leq \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(A_i > s)} \int_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{\alpha A_i}]}{e^{\alpha(t+s)}} dt \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{\alpha A_i}]}{\mathbb{P}(A_i > s) e^{\alpha s}} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \leq \frac{M(\alpha)}{e^{-\alpha s} e^{\alpha s}} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) = \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The first inequality follows from the Markov bound presented earlier on  $\mathbb{P}(A_i > t + s)$ , while the second inequality follows from both parts of the second assumption. This provides an absolute upper bound for  $\mathbb{E}[A_i - s | A_i > s]$  for *all* values of  $s \in (0, \infty)$ , taking care of the second case of items.

For the third case of items, it suffices to uniformly bound the case that  $s = 0$ . By the third assumption (and earlier assumption of uniformly bounded mean) we have

$$\mathbb{E}[A_i - 0 | A_i > 0] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[A_i]}{\mathbb{P}(A_i > 0)} \leq \frac{\hat{\mu}}{z} < \infty.$$

Since the above analysis does not depend on the choice of  $i$ , this completes the proof. □

### 3.1 A Second Regime

The results in [2] provide an alternate asymptotic analysis of the greedy policy in which items become available to the decision maker incrementally as capacity grows; when the number of items  $k$  grows, each new item is added to the same subset of already available items. The authors examine an upper bound based on information relaxation techniques, and provide a case analysis dependent on the growth of capacity as a function of the number of available items, to show under what conditions the greedy policy is asymptotically optimal. Motivated by this result, we show that the MCK bound allows for similar conclusions.

Consider denoting  $\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))$  as the expected value gained from the greedy policy given  $k$  items and  $b(k)$  capacity; we now make explicit the fact that  $b$  is a function of  $k$ . Similarly, let  $\text{MCK}(k, b(k))$  be the optimal value of MCK given  $k$  items and  $b(k)$  capacity. Unlike the previous framework, we no longer make any assumption about the ordering of items, implying in particular that items are possibly re-sorted for each  $k$  to calculate  $\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))$ . We must therefore also make an additional assumption.

**Assumption 3.10.** The value-to-mean-size ratios are uniformly bounded from above,  $c_i/\mathbb{E}_i \leq \hat{r}$ , for some constant  $\hat{r}$ .

This assumption is satisfied if the items are sorted in the greedy order, as discussed in the proofs of Lemma 3.6 and Theorem 3.7.

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $f(k)$  be a non-negative, monotonically increasing function satisfying  $f(k) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . If Assumptions 3.1 and 3.10 hold,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))}{\text{MCK}(k, b(k))} = 1$$

under any of the following conditions:

- (a) Capacity scales as  $b(k) = \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbb{E}_i = \Theta(k)$  (linearly), and  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i = \Omega(k^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon})$ .
- (b) Capacity scales as  $b(k) = \sum_{i \leq f(k)} \mathbb{E}_i = \Omega(k)$  ( $f(k)$  is superlinear), and  $\sum_{i \leq k} c_i = \Omega(k^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon})$ .
- (c) Capacity scales as  $b(k) = \sum_{i \leq f(k)} \mathbb{E}_i = o(k)$  ( $f(k)$  is sublinear),

$$\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i = \Omega([\max\{f(k)/f(\sqrt{k}), f(\sqrt{k})\}]^{1 + \epsilon}),$$

$\ln f(k) = o(\max\{f(k)/f(\sqrt{k}), f(\sqrt{k})\})$ , and the following weaker version of Assumption 3.3 holds:

$$\sup_{\substack{s \in [0, \infty) \\ i=1, 2, \dots, k}} [\mathbb{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s] = o(f(k)). \quad (12)$$

In the above summations, indices  $i$  are ordered according to the greedy ordering for any given  $k$ .

Due to length and similarity to the proof of Theorem 3.7, the proof of this theorem can be found in Appendix A. For comparison, in [2] the authors state that their assumptions are difficult to verify, and provide sufficient conditions that are very similar to our assumptions here. For example, they assume uniformly bounded means and variances, as in Assumption 3.1. Both results assume

similar uniform upper bounds on the value-to-mean-size ratios. Our only additional assumptions lower bound the item mean sizes and the growth rate of the sum of item values.

This alternative perspective to the asymptotic result also allows us to give conditions for which MCK is asymptotically optimal regardless of the growth rate of capacity  $b(k)$  relative to the number of items  $k$ . As under the first regime with Assumption 3.2, the value conditions in the above theorem are satisfied if there exists a uniform non-zero lower bound for all  $c_i$ . Furthermore, the supremum condition (8) is weakened for (12) in the sublinear case, and is notably not necessary for the linear and superlinear cases. Finally, although the sublinear case in part (c) of the theorem includes an additional condition, it is easily verified for standard functions, such as  $\log k$  or  $k^\alpha$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

### 3.2 Case Study: Power Law Distributions

The conditions in Assumption 3.1 and Proposition 3.9 require uniformly bounded moments; first and second moments in the former, all moments in the latter. Motivated by this technical assumption, we investigate the asymptotic performance of MCK for distributions that do not satisfy these conditions. Suppose item sizes  $A_i$  are defined by the power law distributions

$$F_i^1(s) = 1 - \frac{a_i}{s + a_i}, \quad F_i^2(s) = 1 - \frac{a_i^2}{(s + a_i)^2}, \quad F_i^3(s) = 1 - \frac{8a_i^3}{(s + 2a_i)^3}, \quad s \geq 0,$$

where the  $a_i$  are constants. One can easily check that these are valid distribution functions, and that each family of distributions have increasingly more bounded moments:  $F_i^1$  has no bounded moments,  $F_i^2$  has only bounded mean, and  $F_i^3$  has only bounded mean and variance. Furthermore, the  $F_i^2$  and  $F_i^3$  distributions are designed to have mean  $a_i$ . We perform computational experiments under these distributions for the MCK bound on instances with increasing numbers of items. These distribution functions are concave, and solving the MCK bound is therefore somewhat more involved; we provide details in Appendix B.

We use the advanced knapsack instance generator from [www.diku.dk/~pisinger/codes.html](http://www.diku.dk/~pisinger/codes.html) to generate deterministic knapsack instances and use the resulting deterministic sizes  $a_i$  as the basis for the distributions. The 100-item and 200-item deterministic instances are the same as those generated and used for the experiments in [4], while the 1000-item and larger instances were created specifically for this test. Of the newly generated instances, there were ten correlated and uncorrelated instances each for the 1000- and 2000-item instances, while only five each for the 5000- and 10000-item instances. (The generator’s authors observe that deterministic instances tend to be more difficult when sizes and values are correlated.) Capacity is scaled to maintain a fill rate between 2 and 4; the 200-item instances have capacity 1000, 1000-item instances have five times the capacity, 5000, and so on for the larger instances.

To gauge the strength of MCK under these circumstances, we examine a slightly modified greedy policy, which attempts to insert items in non-increasing order of their profitability ratio at full capacity,  $c_i F_i(b) / \tilde{E}_i(b)$ , the ratio of expected value to mean truncated size. This modification of the greedy policy is motivated by various theoretical and computational results, e.g. [2, 4, 9], and sorting items by this ratio — as opposed to the slightly different ratio  $c_i / E_i$  used in Theorem 3.7 — is more suitable for computational purposes. Furthermore, the two ratios are effectively equivalent as  $b$  tends to infinity, which these ever-increasing item instances simulate. In all of the computational experiments throughout this section, we used CPLEX 12.6.1 for all LP solves, running on a MacBook Pro with OS X 10.11.4 and a 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7 processor.

Table 1 summarizes the results based on the number of items and whether the generated deterministic item values and sizes are correlated. The percentages refer to the geometric mean across all bound/policy gap percentages of that data type (the closer to 100%, the smaller the gap). For

full raw data on all instances, refer to Tables 4 and 5 in Appendix C. From the summary table,

Table 1: Summary Results - Power Law MCK

Case	100 items	200	1000	2000	5000	10000
Correlated: F <sup>1</sup>	110.78%	112.62%	112.51%	112.71%	110.72%	111.10%
Correlated: F <sup>2</sup>	104.97%	104.30%	103.11%	101.99%	101.74%	101.66%
Correlated: F <sup>3</sup>	103.07%	102.19%	101.17%	100.64%	100.48%	100.54%
Uncorrelated: F <sup>1</sup>	109.72%	110.81%	111.20%	110.74%	110.01%	110.41%
Uncorrelated: F <sup>2</sup>	104.13%	103.29%	102.22%	101.36%	101.41%	101.42%
Uncorrelated: F <sup>3</sup>	102.21%	101.66%	100.87%	100.47%	100.35%	100.49%

the F<sup>1</sup> instances clearly do not converge to tightness, with the gap even increasing from 100 to 200 items. The F<sup>2</sup> and F<sup>3</sup> instances seem to exhibit the asymptotic property, although at a significantly slower rate than the previously tested distributions in [4], which did satisfy the moment generation function assumption. Under said previous computational study and distributions, the 200-item instances had a gap of no more than a fraction of a percent; here, the gap for F<sup>2</sup> remains above one percent even at 10000-item instances, while the gap for F<sup>3</sup> does not reach below one percent until 1000 items. Although F<sup>3</sup> exhibits clear convergence, F<sup>2</sup> is debatable in that the distribution may converge to a non-zero gap.

## 4 Quadratic Bound

Recalling the original problem formulation (2) for the stochastic knapsack problem, any feasible  $v$  provides an upper bound  $v_N(b)$  on the optimal expected value. One possibility is the MCK relaxation [4], which approximates the value function with the affine function (3). The alternate approximation (7) of the value function uses an arbitrary non-decreasing function of remaining capacity  $s$ ; this yields the PP bound from [24]. In this section, we examine the efficacy of a value function approximation that extends (3) and compare its performance to MCK and PP. We introduce quadratic variables that model diminishing returns stemming from having pairs of items in the remaining set  $M$ :

$$v_M(s) \approx qs + r_0 + \sum_{i \in M} r_i - \sum_{\{k, \ell\} \subseteq M} r_{k\ell}. \quad (13)$$

Assuming  $r \geq 0$ , this approximation is submodular with respect to  $M$  for any fixed capacity  $s$ , and our motivation for the approximation is at least twofold. First, we intuitively expect the marginal value of an item’s availability to decrease as more items are already available at the same capacity, simply because there is a smaller chance all the items can fit. Submodularity exactly captures this notion of diminishing returns. Second, submodular minimization is known to be polynomially solvable (see e.g. [13, 29]), suggesting the resulting approximation should maintain theoretical efficiency, which PP does not; we further explore and verify this below. Furthermore, the nature of the approximation’s approach is different from PP, adding an extra layer of interest to comparing the two bounds: Whereas PP differs from MCK by more precisely valuing remaining capacity at each  $(M, s)$  state, the quadratic approach focuses more on the combinatorial properties of the current state, i.e. the interactions between pairs of remaining items. Given our asymptotic results from Section 3, and considering that both MCK and PP leave a significant gap in instances of small to medium size [4], our goal with this new approximation is to tighten the gap while maintaining polynomial solvability.

## 4.1 Structural Properties

We apply the value function approximation (13) to the left hand side of the constraints in (2) to produce

$$\begin{aligned}
& v_{M \cup i}(s) - \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq s) \mathbf{E}[v_M(s - A_i) | A_i \leq s] \\
&= qs + r_0 + \sum_{j \in M \cup i} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M \cup i} r_{kl} - \mathbf{F}_i(s) \mathbf{E} \left[ q(s - A_i) + r_0 + \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} \middle| A_i \leq s \right] \\
&= qs \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) + q \mathbf{F}_i(s) \mathbf{E}[A_i | A_i \leq s] + r_i - \sum_{k \in M} r_{ik} + r_0 \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) + \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} \\
&= q \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s) + r_i - \sum_{k \in M} r_{ik} + \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \left[ r_0 + \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the resulting semi-infinite LP is

$$\min_{q,r} qs + r_0 + \sum_{i \in N} r_i - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq N} r_{kl} \tag{14a}$$

$$\text{s.t. } q \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s) + r_i - \sum_{k \in M} r_{ik} + \bar{\mathbf{F}}_i(s) \left[ r_0 + \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} \right] \tag{14b}$$

$$\geq c_i \mathbf{F}_i(s), \quad \forall i \in N, M \subseteq N \setminus i, s \in [0, b]$$

$$q, r \geq 0 \tag{14c}$$

To solve (14) above, henceforth referred to as the Quadratic (Quad) bound, we must efficiently manage the uncountably many constraints. We next provide a characterization of the CDF that allows us to solve (14) efficiently in many cases of interest.

**Proposition 4.1.** *If  $\mathbf{F}_i$  is piecewise convex in  $[0, b]$ , to solve (14) it suffices to enforce constraints only at  $s$  values corresponding to the CDF's breakpoints between convex intervals.*

*Proof.* Fix  $(i, M)$ ; the separation problem is equivalent to

$$\max_{s \in [0, b]} \left\{ \left( r_0 + c_i + \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} \right) \mathbf{F}_i(s) - q \tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i(s) \right\}.$$

Suppose the coefficient of  $\mathbf{F}_i(s)$  in the separation problem above is nonnegative. Then by the concavity of  $\tilde{\mathbf{E}}_i$ , if  $\mathbf{F}_i$  is convex, the objective is maximized in at least one of the endpoints  $s \in \{0, b\}$ . Therefore, satisfying the constraints at the endpoints implies the constraints over all of  $[0, b]$  are satisfied. By extension, if  $\mathbf{F}_i$  is piecewise convex, only constraints at the endpoints of each convex interval are necessary.

It thus suffices to establish that, in any feasible solution, the coefficient of  $\mathbf{F}_i(s)$  in the separation problem is nonnegative. That is, we wish to show for fixed  $i$  and  $M$ ,

$$r_0 + c_i + \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k,l\} \subseteq M} r_{kl} = v_M(0) + c_i \geq 0.$$

This follows from the feasibility of the solution for (14); this LP is a restriction of the original LP (2), therefore  $v$  is feasible for (2), and a standard DP induction argument shows  $v_M(0) \geq v_M^*(0) \geq 0$  for any  $M \subseteq N$ . We reproduce the argument here in brief: In the base case  $M = \emptyset$ , we have

$v_{\emptyset}(0) = r_0 \geq 0 = v_{\emptyset}^*(0)$  by definition. For larger  $M$ , applying the constraints in (2) and induction yields

$$v_M(0) \geq \max_{i \in M} F_i(0)(c_i + v_{M \setminus i}(0)) \geq \max_{i \in M} F_i(0)(c_i + v_{M \setminus i}^*(0)) = v_M^*(0). \quad \square$$

Several commonly used distributions have piecewise convex CDF's, including discrete and uniform distributions. In particular, this result implies that for discrete distributions with integer support (which the PP bound assumes) we need only examine constraints corresponding to integer  $s$  values. In specific cases when the CDF is not piecewise convex, it is also possible to argue that only the constraints at certain fixed  $s$  values are necessary. For example, by analogous arguments to [4], we can show that the Quad bound can be solved for the exponential, geometric, and conditional normal distributions by only including constraints for  $s \in \{0, b\}$ .

Despite this result, the separation problem still has exponentially many constraints for a fixed  $(i, s)$  pair since it depends on all subsets  $M \subseteq N$ . That is, for a fixed  $(i, s)$  we wish to find

$$\min_{M \subseteq N \setminus i} \left\{ - \sum_{k \in M} r_{ik} + \bar{F}_i(s) \left( \sum_{j \in M} r_j - \sum_{\{k, \ell\} \subseteq M} r_{k\ell} \right) \right\},$$

which is a submodular function with respect to  $M$ , implying the separation problem can be solved in polynomial time. To solve the problem, we rewrite it as the integer program

$$\min_{y, z} \sum_{k \in N \setminus i} y_k (r_k \bar{F}_i(s) - r_{ik}) - \sum_{\{k, \ell\} \subseteq N \setminus i} r_{k\ell} z_{k\ell} \bar{F}_i(s) \quad (15a)$$

$$\text{s.t. } z_{k\ell} \leq y_k, \quad z_{k\ell} \leq y_\ell, \quad \forall \{k, \ell\} \subseteq N \setminus i \quad (15b)$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}^{N \setminus i}, \quad z \geq 0. \quad (15c)$$

**Proposition 4.2.** *The feasible region of the linear relaxation of (15) is integral.*

*Proof.* The separation problem can be viewed as an integer program over monotone inequalities [17]. As such, the constraint matrix is totally unimodular. This follows from the fact that the rows only have at most two non-zero entries, all of which are in  $\{-1, 1\}$ , and each sum to 0. (We use the TU matrix characterization where any subset of columns can be partitioned into two sets whose difference of sums is in  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ .)  $\square$

With respect to computational experiments, recall that we only consider distributions with integer support, since we wish to compare this bound to PP. So we must only consider constraints where  $s$  has positive support, and solve the separation problem with respect to each  $(i, s)$  pair by solving a simple LP.

## 4.2 Computational Experiments

We next present the setup and results of a series of experiments intended to compare Quadratic bound (14) with the MCK relaxation from [4] and PP bound from [24]. As an additional comparison, we also include the recently proposed *Penalized Perfect Information Relaxation* (PPIR) bound from [2]. PPIR simulates item size realizations, and for each realization solves a modified version of the deterministic knapsack problem with a penalty to punish the decision maker's early access to realized sizes (a violation of non-anticipativity). The expected value of this deterministic knapsack is then the bound, and it is estimated with the sample mean of the simulated realizations.

In order to benchmark the bounds, we consider the following policies. First, we use the modified greedy policy as defined in Section 3.2. Another natural policy is the *adaptive greedy* policy. This

policy does not fix an ordering of the items, but rather at every encountered state  $(M, s)$  computes the profitability ratios at current capacity  $c_i F_i(s) / \tilde{E}_i(s)$  for remaining items  $i \in M$  and chooses a maximizing item; this is equivalent to resetting the greedy order by assuming  $(M, s)$  is the initial state. Lastly, the value function approximation (7) can be used to construct a policy by substituting it into the DP recursion (1). We refer to this policy as the *PP dual policy* to match the bound name. This policy uses an optimal solution  $(r^*, w^*)$  to the dual of (6) to choose an item; at state  $(M, s)$ , the policy chooses

$$\arg \max_{i \in M} \left\{ F_i(s) \left( c_i + \sum_{k \in M \setminus i} r_k^* \right) + \sum_{\sigma=0}^s w_\sigma^* F_i(s - \sigma) \right\}.$$

To calculate the quantities that rely on simulation, including all the policies and the PPIR bound, we simulate item size realizations 400 times and report the corresponding sample mean.

To our knowledge, there is no available test bed of stochastic knapsack instances; however, there are a number of deterministic knapsack instances and generators available. Therefore, to obtain stochastic knapsack instances, we used deterministic knapsack instances as a “base” from which we generated the stochastic instances for our experiments. From each deterministic instance we generated seven stochastic ones by varying the item size distribution and keeping all other parameters the same. Given that a particular item  $i$  had size deterministic size  $a_i$  (always assumed to be an integer), we generated seven discrete probability distributions:

**D1** 0 with probability 1/3 or  $3a_i/2$  with probability 2/3.

**D2** 0 or  $2a_i$  each with probability 1/2.

**D3** 0 with probability 2/3 or  $3a_i$  with probability 1/3.

**D4** 0 with probability 3/4 or  $4a_i$  with probability 1/4.

**D5** 0 with probability 4/5 or  $5a_i$  with probability 1/5.

**D6** 0 or  $2a_i$  each with probability 1/4,  $a_i$  with probability 1/2.

**D7** 0,  $a_i$  or  $3a_i$  each with probability 1/5,  $a_i/2$  with probability 2/5.

Note that all distributions are designed so an item’s expected size equals  $a_i$ ; recall that we examine discrete distributions because the PP bound assumes integer size support. Our motivation for testing the Bernoulli distributions D1-D5 is at least twofold. First, these distributions maximize the importance of the order in which items are inserted because size realizations are only at the most extreme (the endpoints of support), as compared to distributions more concentrated around the mean, where finding a collection of fitting items is intuitively more important. For example, D2 and D3 are in the former class of distributions, while D6 and D7 have the same size support respectively but fall into the latter class. Second, in preliminary experiments, we observed that these types of instances exhibit a significant gap between the best performing bound and MCK. We thus wish to examine how much Quad performs under such circumstances. We lastly note that, to ensure integer support for instances of type D1 and D7, after generating the deterministic instance we doubled all item sizes  $a_i$  and the knapsack capacity.

The deterministic base instances came from two sources. We took seven small instances from the repository [http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/knapsack\\_01/knapsack\\_01.html](http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/knapsack_01/knapsack_01.html); they have 5 to 15 items and varying capacities. We generated twenty medium instances, of 20 items each and 200 capacity, from the advanced knapsack instance generator from [www.diku](http://www.diku).



`dk/~pisinger/codes.html`. These instances were designed following the same rules used in [4], with ten correlated and uncorrelated instances each. We do not extend the experiments to larger instances due to the asymptotic results in Section 3 — we expect the MCK bound to already have negligible gaps in larger instances, and the empirical results in [4] confirm this.

The smaller instances were solved via brute force, that is, by using the normal problem formulation and only examining constraints corresponding to  $s$  values with positive support. As the complexity of (14) increases exponentially with the number of items, the larger instances were solved via constraint generation, where the interim LP had a capped number of constraints per  $(i, s)$  pair. For each  $(i, s)$  pair, we solve the corresponding separation problem (15) to determine which constraint to add (corresponding to an  $(i, s, M)$  tuple). Should we reach the constraint cap in an iteration, the constraint that had *not* been tight for the most number of iterations was dropped first. The constraint cap varied from 30 to 45 depending on the instance to minimize computation time. As in Section 3.2, we used CPLEX 12.6.1 for all LP solves in this section, running on a MacBook Pro with OS X 10.11.4 and a 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7 processor.

Tables 2 and 3 below contain a summary of our experiments for the different bounds. The tables are interpreted as follows. For each instance, we choose the largest policy as a baseline, and divide all bound values by this baseline. The first table presents the geometric mean of this ratio, calculated over all instances represented in that row. We show the ratios as percentages for ease of reading; thus, bound ratios should be greater than or equal to 100%. For the second table, we count the number of successes among the bounds and divide by the total number of instances represented in that row. A success for a particular instance indicates the bound with the smallest ratio. If two ratios are within 0.1% of each other, we consider them equivalent; thus, the presented success rates for each row do not necessarily sum to 100%. For a full listing of the raw bound and policy data, refer to Appendix C.

Table 2: Summary Results - Ratios

Distribution	Case	MCK	PP	Quad	PPIR
D1	small	115.70%	110.38%	115.30%	135.99%
	20cor	108.15%	107.94%	108.05%	127.23%
	20uncor	106.34%	106.22%	106.19%	111.30%
D2	small	127.67%	116.51%	126.48%	124.35%
	20cor	111.33%	111.31%	110.83%	126.37%
	20uncor	110.64%	110.24%	110.04%	112.90%
D3	small	124.21%	121.65%	112.00%	105.34%
	20cor	118.52%	117.27%	116.91%	119.05%
	20uncor	116.85%	115.50%	114.81%	109.89%
D4	small	120.67%	120.49%	105.49%	102.17%
	20cor	124.13%	123.41%	120.98%	111.75%
	20uncor	122.22%	120.83%	118.44%	107.76%
D5	small	128.77%	126.53%	105.65%	101.79%
	20cor	128.98%	127.21%	122.94%	107.97%
	20uncor	125.38%	124.52%	118.67%	108.68%
D6	small	113.78%	108.35%	113.25%	139.41%
	20cor	105.99%	105.43%	105.96%	135.72%
	20uncor	105.62%	105.22%	105.54%	117.18%
D7	small	120.43%	108.72%	116.72%	130.61%
	20cor	107.30%	102.49%	106.73%	141.31%
	20uncor	107.21%	104.95%	105.78%	120.01%

Generally speaking, Quad seems to do significantly better in the medium instances than the

Table 3: Summary Results - Success Rates

Distribution	Case	MCK	PP	Quad	PPIR
D1	small	0%	86%	14%	0%
	20cor	0%	100%	70%	0%
	20uncor	0%	70%	80%	10%
D2	small	0%	71%	29%	0%
	20cor	0%	10%	100%	0%
	20uncor	0%	10%	80%	20%
D3	small	0%	0%	0%	100%
	20cor	0%	0%	70%	30%
	20uncor	0%	10%	0%	100%
D4	small	0%	0%	14%	86%
	20cor	0%	0%	0%	100%
	20uncor	0%	0%	0%	100%
D5	small	0%	0%	57%	43%
	20cor	0%	0%	0%	100%
	20uncor	0%	0%	0%	100%
D6	small	0%	100%	0%	0%
	20cor	20%	100%	40%	0%
	20uncor	20%	90%	40%	0%
D7	small	0%	86%	0%	14%
	20cor	0%	100%	0%	0%
	20uncor	10%	100%	10%	0%

small instances, performing (slightly) worse than PP for the small instances and often either comparable to or even better than PP for the medium instances. At the least, among instances with the largest MCK/PP gap, Quad seems to be roughly halfway between the MCK and PP bounds. Among the medium instances in which PP performs better, Quad is close in value to PP — besides D7, the two bounds were within a .5% difference in ratios.

Most notably, the Bernoulli distributions of D1-D5 provide a class of distributions in which Quad exhibits a trend of increasingly greater improvement from PP. In particular, Quad outperformed PP across all medium instances for D5, closing the gap as much as 6%. (For D4 and D5, two of the small instances were omitted in the bound/policy gap calculation because of a negative gap, likely due to how close to optimal Quad performs for these distributions on the small instances.) In all such cases for these distributions, not only is the bound/policy gap for PP considerably large (and so there is considerable room for improvement), but the percent drop from PP to Quad is also large compared to that from MCK to PP. This suggests that, for distributions with extreme possible outcomes, Quad outperforms PP in both an absolute sense (the bound/policy gap) and relative sense (improvement from the next best bound). Intuitively, interactions between remaining items (captured by the quadratic variables) have a larger impact on the optimal solution when there are less items to choose from, and/or when an item is more likely to have a large realized size; these computational results reflect this.

Comparing Quad to the simulation-based PPIR bound, we first note that under discrete distributions, Quad is a polynomially solvable linear program, whereas PPIR solves an integer program for every simulated realization; so in complexity terms PPIR, like PP, is more powerful than Quad. In our experiments, however, we were able to compute the bound efficiently. In terms of bound strength, Quad is often either the best performing bound altogether, or it is competitive with the best performing bound. In cases where PP does well (D1, D2, D6, D7), Quad is comparable in gap, while PPIR performs quite poorly, exhibiting as much as a 15-30% larger gap than PP. On

the other hand, PPIR tends to perform best under the Bernoulli distributions with the highest variance (D3, D4, D5); in these cases, Quad is more competitive than PP. Thus, even though it is polynomially solvable, Quad seems to be the most stable bound, compared to the more varied performances of PP and PPIR.

In general, the gap seems to decrease as the number of items or the number of breakpoints increases. The trend in the success of Quad versus PP as the number of items increases suggests that Quad is better suited for instances with a larger number of items, while PP is better suited for smaller instances. This is consistent with the notion that Quad is focused more on the combinatorial properties of the knapsack problem, while PP focuses on the item size to capacity resolution (and is thus better for the small instances, in which each individual item has more influence on the optimal solution). Coupled with the fact that Quad is polynomially solvable, we conclude that the quadratic bound is a theoretically effective – but characteristically dissimilar – alternative to the pseudo-polynomial bound for (larger) instances in which PP is computationally infeasible. However, since the gap between Quad and the best policy is still not unequivocally tight, the next step would be to find an even better method, ideally an empirically tractable exact algorithm that can help close this bound/policy gap.

## 5 Conclusions

We have studied a dynamic knapsack problem with stochastic item sizes and provided relaxation analysis on the multiple choice knapsack bound (4). We have shown that the MCK bound is asymptotically optimal as the number of items increases by comparing it to a natural greedy policy and, depending on various growth rates of capacity, delineated reasonable conditions for which the result holds.

For medium-sized instances with more item-to-capacity granularity, the gap remains a cause for concern, and we proposed a quadratic relaxation whose value function approximation encodes interactions between item pairs. In addition to showing that it is polynomially solvable and more efficient than the best known pseudo-polynomial relaxation, our computational experiments indicate that the quadratic bound is at least stronger than MCK and faster than PP, while at best comparable to or even stronger than PP in both quality and solution time.

The results here contribute to an overall picture of the stochastic knapsack problem that has yet to be completed. While the asymptotic analysis and quadratic bound impact situations where the number of items in the problem are large and medium, respectively, our results demonstrate that even the best performing bounds can empirically have a large gap in certain cases. The dynamic programming formulation can be directly solved when the number of items is minuscule; otherwise, however, it still remains to develop an empirically efficient algorithm with an optimality or  $\epsilon$ -optimality guarantee. For example, in the spirit of the cutting plane algorithms used in solving the deterministic knapsack problem, one could attempt to dynamically improve the value function approximation to systematically reach stronger relaxations. However, exactly how a dynamic value function approximation would work for this problem remains an interesting open question.

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## Appendix A - Proof of Theorem 3.11

*Proof.* It suffices to show that the limit of the ratio is lower bounded by a quantity that goes to 1. Prior to examining each case individually, we observe that under  $k$  items, the capacity is

$$b(k) = \sum_{i \leq f(k)} \mathbb{E}_i = \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}] = \Theta(f(k)),$$

where the linear case sets  $f(k) = k$ . With this in mind, the linear case reduces to the case where  $b(k) = \sum_{i \leq k} \mathbb{E}_i = \mathbb{E}[S_k]$ , the same as in Lemma 3.6. Since we now limit the number of items to  $k$  (as opposed to an infinite sequence of items), the bounds

$$\text{Greedy}(k, b(k)) \geq \sum_{i \geq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq b(k)), \text{ and } \text{MCK}(k, b(k)) \leq \sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq b(k)),$$

now trivially hold. The Greedy upper bound actually holds at equality by definition of the policy, while the MCK upper bound follows from the (possibly infeasible) solution  $x_{i,b(k)} = 1$  for all  $i$ . (This takes advantage of the monotonicity of CDFs, and the fact that there are only at most  $k$  items in the objective.) Thus we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))}{\text{MCK}(k, b(k))} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_k])}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_k])} = 1,$$

where the last inequality follows from Lemma 3.6, setting constant  $c_0$  to 0. (This shows that the main difficulty for the first regime is finding an additional constant  $c_0$  to deal with items  $i > k$ .)

For the superlinear case, we have  $f(k) \geq k$  for large enough  $k$ , and so

$$\mathbb{P}(S_i > b(k)) = \mathbb{P}(S_i > \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}]) \leq \mathbb{P}(S_i > \mathbb{E}[S_k]).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))}{\text{MCK}(k, b(k))} &= \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}])}{\text{MCK}(k, \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}])} \geq \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}])}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(A_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}])} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_k])}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i} \geq \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i - O(\sqrt{k})}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the same calculations as in Lemma 3.6. Because this bound holds for all  $k$ , this yields

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, b(k))}{\text{MCK}(k, b(k))} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i - O(\sqrt{k})}{\sum_{i \leq k} c_i} = 1.$$

Lastly, for the sublinear case, we have  $f(k) \leq k$ . Recalling that the  $k$  items are assumed to be greedily ordered, we have the trivial lower bound

$$\text{Greedy}(k, b(k)) \geq \text{Greedy}(f(k), b(k)) = \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}]).$$

In the same vein as in Lemma 3.5, then, consider the following solution to the MCK dual problem (4):

$$q = \frac{c_{f(k)}}{\mathbf{E}_{f(k)}}, \quad r_i = \begin{cases} c_i - \frac{c_{f(k)}}{\mathbf{E}_{f(k)}} & i < f(k) \\ 0 & i \geq f(k) \end{cases}, \quad r_0(k) = \hat{r} \sup_{\substack{s \in [0, \infty) \\ i=1,2,\dots,k}} [\mathbf{E}[A_i | A_i > s] - s].$$

Following similar reasoning as in the proof of Lemma 3.5, it is clear the above is a feasible solution to (4) — simply replace every instance of  $k$  in the proof calculations with  $f(k)$ . The only slight difference is that the supremum in  $r_0$  need only hold for  $i$  up to  $k$  (as opposed to infinitely many items). Assumption (12) in the hypothesis ensures that this quantity is asymptotically dominated by the other terms. Thus, by setting  $c_0(k) := r_0(k) + \hat{r}M^3/m^2$ , this feasible solution yields objective  $\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) + c_0(k)$ , providing us with the valid upper bound

$$\text{MCK}(k, b(k)) \leq \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) + c_0(k),$$

where term  $c_0(k) = o(f(k))$ .

It hence remains to show that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(S_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}])}{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(A_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) + c_0(k)} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(S_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}])}{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i + c_0(k)} = 1.$$

To this end, we examine

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(S_i > \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) &= \mathbf{P}(S_i - \mathbf{E}[S_i] > \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)} - S_i]) \leq \mathbf{P}(|S_i - \mathbf{E}[S_i]| > \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)} - S_i]) \\ &\leq \frac{\text{Var}(S_i)}{(\mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)} - S_i])^2} \leq \frac{iV}{(f(k) - i)^2 \underline{\mu}^2}, \end{aligned}$$

noting that  $\mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)} - S_i] \geq 0$  for  $i \leq f(k)$ , and the second inequality uses Chebyshev's bound.

Let  $j$  be some number such that  $j < f(k)$ , to be determined, and define upper bound

$$c_i \leq \frac{c_1}{\mathbf{E}_1} \mathbf{E}_i \leq \hat{r} \hat{\mu} =: \hat{c}$$

We now observe

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(S_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) &= \sum_{i \leq j} c_i \mathbf{P}(S_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) + \sum_{j < i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbf{P}(S_i \leq \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}]) \\ &\geq \sum_{i \leq j} c_i \left[ 1 - \frac{iV}{(f(k) - i)^2 \underline{\mu}^2} \right] + \sum_{j < i \leq f(k)} c_i (1 - \mathbf{P}(S_i > \mathbf{E}[S_{f(k)}])) \\ &\geq \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \sum_{i \leq j} \frac{i}{(f(k) - i)^2} - \hat{c}(f(k) - j) \geq \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \int_0^{j+1} \frac{x}{(f(k) - x)^2} dx - \hat{c}(f(k) - j) \\ &= \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\underline{\mu}^2} \left[ \frac{j+1}{f(k) - j - 1} + \ln(f(k) - j - 1) - \ln f(k) \right] - \hat{c}(f(k) - j), \end{aligned}$$

with the technical condition that  $f(k) \notin [0, j+1]$  so that the integrand above does not contain a singularity. Noting that choosing  $j = f(k) - f(\sqrt{k}) - 1$  satisfies this (as identically having  $f(\sqrt{k}) = 0$  reduces to a trivial case), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i \mathbb{P}(S_i \leq \mathbb{E}[S_{f(k)}]) &\geq \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i - \frac{\hat{c}V}{\mu^2} \left[ \frac{f(k) - f(\sqrt{k})}{f(\sqrt{k})} + \ln f(\sqrt{k}) - \ln f(k) \right] - \hat{c}(f(\sqrt{k}) + 1) \\
&= \sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i + O(\ln f(k)) - O(\max\{\frac{f(k)}{f(\sqrt{k})}, f(\sqrt{k})\}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, recalling our initial assumptions on  $\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i$  and  $\ln f(k)$ , we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i + O(\ln f(k)) - O(\max\{\frac{f(k)}{f(\sqrt{k})}, f(\sqrt{k})\})}{\sum_{i \leq f(k)} c_i + c_0(k)} = 1.$$

The above limit is a valid lower bound for  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Greedy}(k, f(k))}{\text{MCK}(k, f(k))}$ , completing the proof.  $\square$

## Appendix B - MCK for Power Law Distributions

We first recall the following result from [4]:

**Proposition.** *For each  $i \in N$ , within a segment  $(\underline{s}, \hat{s}) \subseteq [0, b]$  where  $F_i$  is concave and differentiable, the separation problem of MCK (4) can be solved by evaluating  $\underline{s}$ ,  $\hat{s}$  and all solutions to*

$$(r_0 + c_i) \frac{d}{ds} F_i(s) = q \bar{F}_i(s) \quad s \in (\underline{s}, \hat{s}). \quad (16)$$

It is easy to verify that the power law distributions  $F_i^1$ ,  $F_i^2$ , and  $F_i^3$  in Section 3.2 are concave and differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$ . Further, (16) has a unique solution for each distribution,

$$s_i^1 := \frac{r_0 + c_i}{q} - a_i, \quad s_i^2 := \frac{2(r_0 + c_i)}{q} - a_i, \quad s_i^3 := \frac{3(r_0 + c_i)}{q} - 2a_i,$$

where  $s_i^1$ ,  $s_i^2$ , and  $s_i^3$  correspond to  $F_i^1$ ,  $F_i^2$  and  $F_i^3$ , respectively.

For simplicity, fix a particular distribution  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . We implement the following cutting plane algorithm. Since the constraints in (4) corresponding to  $s = 0$  reduce to non-negativity constraints, we first solve a relaxation of the MCK bound with only the inequality corresponding to  $s = b$  for each  $i \in N$ . Given a candidate solution  $(q, r)$ , we check for each  $i \in N$  if the constraint for  $s = s_i^j$  is satisfied. If any constraints are violated, we add them and re-solve the updated MCK relaxation to obtain a new candidate solution; otherwise,  $(q, r)$  is optimal.

## Appendix C - Tables

The following tables present the raw data used to calculate the summary tables presented earlier. The first two tables are used to calculate Table 1, sorting instances by the number of items and value/size correlation. Afterward, the next three tables present the raw data used to calculate the summaries in Tables 2 and 3. These three tables separate instances by their size: small instances, followed by 20-item instances with correlated values-to-sizes under discrete distributions, then 20-item instances with uncorrelated values-to-sizes under discrete distributions.



Table 4: Power Law Distribution Experiments, 200 Items or Fewer

Instance	MCK	Greedy	A. Greedy
p01	369.34	349.82	348.83
p02	72.87	60.82	60.82
p03	212.21	180.30	180.30
p04	146.10	131.97	132.04
p05	1242.17	1070.67	1070.67
p06	2497.52	2191.94	2189.40
p07	1897.53	1744.87	1738.67
p08	17065398.26	15332135.32	15469247.43
20cor1	7504.33	6858.15	6783.39
20cor2	8495.93	8030.01	8031.39
20cor3	10371.71	9969.06	10027.82
20cor4	11187.62	10131.50	10019.49
20cor5	6979.69	6604.17	6669.59
20cor6	1126.99	1052.35	1058.96
20cor7	8103.30	7311.75	7324.96
20cor8	8026.99	7312.61	7241.71
20cor9	4103.90	3848.59	3924.19
20cor10	18587.37	17658.55	17929.55
20uncor1	8277.87	7849.25	7849.25
20uncor2	4207.25	3943.93	3944.21
20uncor3	15014.30	14523.65	14526.58
20uncor4	18845.34	17275.89	17275.89
20uncor5	10288.87	9954.37	9960.36
20uncor6	1593.90	1488.41	1487.94
20uncor7	9153.27	8801.53	8801.53
20uncor8	12234.28	11316.91	11324.54
20uncor9	6233.18	5797.05	5787.13
20uncor10	19891.23	18375.25	18365.43
100cor1	33533.65	31772.52	32318.73
100cor2	38866.70	36780.04	36769.95
100cor3	46368.04	43344.55	44229.84
100cor4	50301.94	47388.26	47682.37
100cor5	30781.90	29208.76	29034.12
100cor6	5033.14	4636.62	4602.74
100cor7	35922.11	33927.69	33739.77
100cor8	35698.90	34233.56	34325.90
100cor9	18557.13	17566.13	17708.15
100cor10	82662.62	80071.12	80165.16
100uncor1	40618.80	39075.49	39060.59
100uncor2	16380.83	15591.34	15572.58
100uncor3	70062.02	67357.74	67317.05
100uncor4	91619.13	87846.90	87810.15
100uncor5	47820.98	45771.77	45741.58
100uncor6	7438.87	7012.78	7011.74
100uncor7	45306.40	43394.28	43355.39
100uncor8	53619.69	51938.49	51910.31
100uncor9	27945.79	26981.41	26984.02
100uncor10	106115.85	102988.85	102929.06
200cor1	65708.55	63217.98	63556.02
200cor2	26431.17	25274.80	25106.71
200cor3	87008.78	82050.82	82650.50
200cor4	130352.19	124587.55	124232.07
200cor5	55696.15	52958.54	52867.65
200cor6	9824.42	9507.29	9490.57
200cor7	71119.96	66871.64	67436.64
200cor8	68175.46	65067.17	65485.54
200cor9	37102.22	35941.59	35904.41
200cor10	153797.58	147065.19	146486.43
200uncor1	77926.41	75323.53	75304.03
200uncor2	33716.29	32663.33	32614.25
200uncor3	128655.34	124470.84	124355.96
200uncor4	173148.98	166065.46	166190.70
200uncor5	94696.84	91954.00	91988.63
200uncor6	13918.52	13537.02	13558.53
200uncor7	89714.94	85913.47	85981.10
200uncor8	105313.08	102433.36	102659.65
200uncor9	54999.63	53508.86	53538.49
200uncor10	209604.85	201695.03	201589.80

Table 5: Power Law Distribution Experiments, 1000 Items or More

<b>Instance</b>	<b>MCK</b>	<b>Greedy</b>
1000cor1	315264.55	307486.43
1000cor2	131236.29	128081.91
1000cor3	410934.14	400298.47
1000cor4	440705.41	421668.99
1000cor5	268217.52	260201.53
1000cor6	47179.25	45939.64
1000cor7	355539.42	344511.52
1000cor8	335816.69	323768.20
1000cor9	177072.28	171585.13
1000cor10	767191.66	740630.34
1000uncor1	391929.12	384251.44
1000uncor2	175596.93	172014.69
1000uncor3	621566.89	608010.99
1000uncor4	808590.19	783339.41
1000uncor5	438494.83	430533.17
1000uncor6	69614.53	68235.17
1000uncor7	455682.16	444646.37
1000uncor8	522609.12	509452.67
1000uncor9	264472.90	259231.62
1000uncor10	1036098.43	1015379.72
2000cor1	623983.64	612009.70
2000cor2	259153.22	253320.69
2000cor3	813604.92	797448.72
2000cor4	874478.26	855899.42
2000cor5	529873.66	516339.69
2000cor6	93531.02	92192.95
2000cor7	705421.70	693901.82
2000cor8	661333.70	647891.31
2000cor9	349850.29	342958.98
2000cor10	1519181.85	1491618.08
2000uncor1	793470.46	786050.41
2000uncor2	356405.87	350868.75
2000uncor3	1263783.49	1244592.10
2000uncor4	1588156.89	1564959.33
2000uncor5	887755.32	872425.95
2000uncor6	134925.29	133512.39
2000uncor7	920206.84	909101.43
2000uncor8	1044295.46	1028806.60
2000uncor9	518843.38	511672.97
2000uncor10	2029051.70	2001541.97
5000cor1	83408.71	82305.07
5000cor2	133539.89	130877.49
5000cor3	147936.54	145219.08
5000cor4	116621.03	114350.12
5000cor5	171416.52	168773.19
5000uncor1	186921.47	185023.04
5000uncor2	466960.21	458038.46
5000uncor3	543677.26	535866.14
5000uncor4	368417.42	363813.33
5000uncor5	688418.44	678296.36
10000cor1	165868.02	163120.52
10000cor2	265578.99	262597.52
10000cor3	291580.75	286776.18
10000cor4	230855.23	225903.00
10000cor5	338955.87	332911.51
10000uncor1	369884.94	365057.44
10000uncor2	915640.89	906978.25
10000uncor3	1074579.51	1058598.87
10000uncor4	728925.87	717570.73
10000uncor5	1323898.28	1298820.65

Table 6: Quad Bound Experiments, Small Instances.

Instance	Distribution	MCK	PP	PPIR	Quad	Greedy	Adapt. Greedy	PP Dual
p01	D1	352.02	346.27	405.64	351.16	300.94	308.37	307.38
	D2	394.52	385.83	386.43	389.84	296.54	321.36	315.38
	D3	471.02	439.00	387.11	451.67	334.03	344.80	366.77
	D4	474.25	474.25	388.13	432.63	354.05	364.11	376.27
	D5	500.40	500.40	388.50	432.78	363.98	366.67	410.17
	D6	337.77	327.87	402.58	337.47	296.20	307.71	304.54
	D7	345.97	334.23	431.92	344.08	301.53	313.49	314.79
p02	D1	61.67	55.83	73.95	61.39	45.31	45.67	46.22
	D2	71.00	62.50	70.15	69.78	53.99	54.81	53.92
	D3	70.00	70.00	56.57	58.96	56.04	56.07	56.12
	D4	58.50	58.50	46.64	45.52	45.90	45.90	45.74
	D5	72.80	72.80	52.72	52.52	51.50	51.50	51.00
	D6	58.33	54.86	75.55	58.23	47.95	49.75	49.74
	D7	67.91	58.21	68.67	62.55	50.75	50.47	53.45
p03	D1	184.71	175.67	217.71	183.28	144.33	158.80	133.81
	D2	209.19	169.00	194.32	204.15	148.98	148.48	153.17
	D3	211.67	211.67	169.32	183.52	164.99	165.06	164.94
	D4	165.50	165.50	124.43	130.18	124.62	124.62	126.82
	D5	213.00	213.00	124.43	150.28	142.33	142.33	146.05
	D6	176.61	164.14	219.19	175.91	135.08	147.73	149.32
	D7	199.33	168.61	202.02	184.62	155.59	156.67	157.56
p04	D1	126.75	124.00	162.72	126.00	103.99	108.92	109.42
	D2	141.79	140.75	127.13	141.50	87.50	99.88	108.98
	D3	139.33	139.33	114.31	116.96	96.18	94.37	111.31
	D4	151.50	151.50	127.80	132.05	109.67	109.83	130.15
	D5	158.80	158.80	146.62	141.90	125.27	125.27	145.07
	D6	119.75	114.35	149.45	116.86	94.75	99.35	105.32
	D7	137.56	125.83	144.97	129.40	104.78	107.78	109.59
p05	D1	1219.85	1111.33	1338.65	1218.88	991.35	996.10	1033.15
	D2	1239.78	1173.00	1247.28	1236.01	918.26	921.34	960.58
	D3	1024.67	1024.67	889.22	935.78	867.13	865.68	910.20
	D4	1095.50	1095.50	930.34	1020.50	959.19	960.38	1003.56
	D5	1054.00	1054.00	875.88	861.87	853.88	853.88	889.88
	D6	1211.56	1133.81	1278.36	1211.08	941.37	946.18	979.05
	D7	1129.89	1107.36	1059.41	1209.71	962.53	966.43	918.70
p06	D1	2087.00	1988.67	2485.53	2082.37	1772.02	1776.13	1852.03
	D2	2380.82	1922.25	2218.39	2368.12	1475.97	1560.94	1633.93
	D3	2958.48	2764.67	2393.13	2686.76	2084.78	2104.84	2126.95
	D4	2182.00	2182.00	1860.19	1910.25	1701.44	1701.44	1921.41
	D5	2276.00	2276.00	1732.95	1823.04	1808.38	1808.38	1807.50
	D6	1987.17	1881.90	2689.52	1985.12	1540.79	1618.81	1809.05
	D7	2306.09	1935.71	2655.66	2193.54	1637.78	1796.06	1820.33
p07	D1	1570.45	1570.45	1780.77	1569.79	1461.14	1529.57	1498.95
	D2	1681.26	1680.75	1850.65	1679.10	1490.73	1546.55	1607.05
	D3	1904.19	1890.33	1887.40	1892.80	1617.39	1681.45	1662.63
	D4	2122.19	2100.00	1978.83	2085.72	1477.46	1609.41	1722.90
	D5	2332.70	2063.80	1819.78	2266.79	1597.48	1631.31	1604.12
	D6	1533.54	1516.37	1861.40	1533.39	1389.58	1450.84	1461.44
	D7	1676.91	1554.73	2024.00	1657.24	1439.27	1486.18	1479.13

Table 7: Quad Bound Experiments, 20 Items, Correlated Values and Sizes.

Instance	Distribution	MCK	PP	PPIR	Quad	Greedy	A. Greedy	PP Dual
20cor1	D1	6547.70	6534.08	7482.03	6544.87	5938.42	6099.08	6171.09
	D2	7062.53	7062.53	7874.59	7043.21	5924.07	6222.89	6286.62
	D3	8060.70	8006.22	8230.19	7968.06	6209.93	6622.21	6717.28
	D4	9008.53	9008.53	8347.92	8797.18	6568.58	6758.89	7049.40
	D5	9872.03	9805.00	8393.61	9480.92	6460.73	6682.43	7253.35
	D6	6373.28	6366.73	7790.07	6372.43	5806.62	6067.55	6113.27
	D7	6851.31	6488.59	6804.82	8534.09	5908.74	6249.09	6173.48
20cor2	D1	7971.85	7961.11	8518.85	7966.16	7141.35	7308.58	6997.31
	D2	8351.73	8351.73	8652.96	8325.22	7296.38	7408.28	7188.36
	D3	9009.65	8974.28	8908.13	8883.68	7415.06	7594.17	7516.15
	D4	9602.87	9572.50	8472.94	9310.09	7522.97	7782.96	7455.27
	D5	10139.45	10116.92	8767.71	9636.28	7674.77	7879.19	7759.27
	D6	7830.75	7826.85	8746.74	7827.80	7210.61	7188.83	7114.96
	D7	8092.27	7912.47	9282.23	7931.27	7305.33	7308.93	7432.47
20cor3	D1	9167.63	9149.73	11004.46	9158.33	7898.79	8146.01	8170.18
	D2	10191.30	10191.30	11817.91	10141.93	8043.78	8711.34	9247.72
	D3	12137.80	12055.31	12962.33	11999.00	8971.92	9594.06	10268.15
	D4	13998.30	13833.00	12794.14	13722.50	9503.80	9873.56	11328.91
	D5	15792.60	15588.80	12769.80	15229.32	9888.71	9768.93	12051.51
	D6	8824.38	8798.57	11687.14	8821.12	7705.19	8478.39	8663.99
	D7	9573.95	9022.65	13369.87	9536.87	8198.66	8534.60	8697.73
20cor4	D1	10200.86	10179.83	13043.34	10196.21	8098.62	8666.75	9203.79
	D2	11760.36	11741.71	14253.92	11726.95	8565.03	10066.95	10104.68
	D3	14818.20	14437.33	13516.45	14627.58	9887.58	11047.59	12575.56
	D4	16348.50	16348.50	13881.98	15889.58	10618.45	10363.27	13009.51
	D5	17548.40	17548.40	15631.80	16634.45	11119.24	11104.42	14744.74
	D6	9673.61	9520.03	14217.35	9672.23	8086.77	8599.69	8585.73
	D7	10311.55	9854.05	14797.58	10291.88	8891.16	9659.94	9588.59
20cor5	D1	6315.83	6303.58	7719.30	6307.18	5196.81	5633.79	5973.04
	D2	7096.00	7096.00	8322.12	7051.67	5560.68	6004.09	6281.05
	D3	8543.33	8445.39	8565.03	8435.97	5946.88	6651.50	6808.53
	D4	9938.25	9777.25	8600.85	9693.92	6764.61	6761.31	7738.69
	D5	11250.80	10944.30	9118.71	10758.67	6764.45	6492.35	8851.44
	D6	6052.17	6003.79	8159.53	6049.07	5299.73	5657.62	5695.33
	D7	6352.19	6138.62	9022.90	6347.28	5609.18	6062.61	6078.36
20cor6	D1	998.89	996.92	1269.46	997.45	872.51	899.58	899.92
	D2	1104.06	1104.06	1269.46	1096.32	892.04	956.31	1008.61
	D3	1299.39	1291.50	1359.22	1277.95	939.93	1004.98	1104.02
	D4	1480.81	1475.75	1359.42	1441.68	970.79	1086.13	1201.09
	D5	1653.66	1621.60	1358.33	1587.92	1091.82	1070.46	1279.56
	D6	963.56	961.08	1241.42	963.06	884.08	929.92	932.67
	D7	1034.44	980.37	1400.67	1031.17	887.65	927.52	945.48
20cor7	D1	7053.95	7039.38	7732.74	7050.94	6357.79	6577.62	6622.64
	D2	7480.29	7480.29	8003.99	7463.71	6544.66	6848.10	6902.24
	D3	8304.81	8247.00	8193.68	8249.22	6769.86	6823.11	6894.86
	D4	9115.14	9115.14	8226.35	8909.89	7012.93	6955.11	7229.98
	D5	9876.44	9876.44	8544.11	9464.60	6888.49	7026.79	7455.42
	D6	6910.95	6904.42	8035.97	6909.94	6489.57	6614.30	6521.30
	D7	7312.33	7017.08	8448.43	7278.05	6757.69	6835.66	6886.63
20cor8	D1	7296.63	7282.72	8939.19	7287.19	6138.55	6690.95	6839.47
	D2	8209.63	8209.63	9613.26	8152.57	6501.86	6858.07	7225.20
	D3	9977.80	9742.28	9519.25	9748.99	6634.92	7654.29	8558.24
	D4	11544.38	11439.69	10196.18	11166.77	8063.33	7958.40	9802.36
	D5	13056.73	12622.10	10686.75	12305.75	7957.51	7720.70	10160.77
	D6	6991.55	6889.97	9417.43	6988.52	6088.47	6326.56	6404.30
	D7	7343.18	7080.65	10206.42	7329.18	6322.24	6924.74	6827.74
20cor9	D1	3643.67	3636.42	4382.46	3640.93	3092.34	3210.85	3225.14
	D2	4050.00	4050.00	4710.08	4031.84	3291.87	3592.65	3537.75
	D3	4846.00	4809.83	5204.72	4760.54	3491.23	3687.15	4041.59
	D4	5574.25	5509.25	5024.08	5423.81	3753.73	4153.73	4577.26
	D5	6272.00	6155.50	5176.30	5999.72	3679.98	3715.32	4937.54
	D6	3507.33	3502.72	4621.36	3506.50	3121.35	3298.69	3296.45
	D7	3776.45	3568.20	5252.18	3759.85	3263.37	3505.23	3573.86
20cor10	D1	16391.77	16359.07	18868.03	16379.27	14302.77	14553.03	15176.72
	D2	17818.10	17818.10	19839.74	17750.67	15328.02	15732.37	16010.08
	D3	20555.60	20424.80	20613.51	20352.69	15226.99	15847.02	16770.37
	D4	23124.60	23060.00	22326.61	22695.50	17066.65	16519.04	18556.25
	D5	25642.00	25230.50	21020.76	23979.03	17100.77	17696.29	19030.89
	D6	15914.68	15832.62	19805.42	15910.38	14330.15	14779.72	15087.60
	D7	17151.96	16228.57	21888.46	17057.42	15066.57	15724.06	15785.30

Table 8: Quad Bound Experiments, 20 Items, Uncorrelated Values and Sizes.

Instance	Distribution	MCK	PP	PPIR	Quad	Greedy	A. Greedy	PP Dual
20uncor1	D1	8040.61	8034.14	8106.02	8023.93	7676.97	7772.54	7109.04
	D2	8219.74	8219.74	8294.37	8183.20	7688.70	7736.41	7144.15
	D3	8521.33	8502.00	8261.00	8407.86	7645.62	7692.22	6610.58
	D4	8765.09	8765.09	7834.22	8554.09	7743.69	7770.24	6807.32
	D5	8907.79	8904.30	8250.04	8664.80	7665.39	7686.12	6588.37
	D6	7969.78	7967.45	8250.04	7961.69	7666.59	7731.04	7485.29
	D7	8068.13	8014.39	8560.95	8019.48	7590.91	7647.48	7524.03
20uncor2	D1	3954.67	3949.56	4163.89	3942.51	3643.59	3724.72	3456.59
	D2	4115.09	4115.09	4150.11	4084.39	3673.05	3737.24	3595.27
	D3	4381.49	4366.37	4118.71	4300.94	3721.18	3753.71	3570.37
	D4	4607.66	4603.75	4167.79	4466.36	3697.05	3751.26	3697.37
	D5	4813.60	4813.60	4251.71	4557.32	3793.87	3772.95	3702.66
	D6	3892.91	3881.59	4231.52	3888.32	3624.40	3698.27	3538.63
	D7	4019.69	3923.79	4480.56	3941.21	3687.25	3690.40	3732.82
20uncor3	D1	14551.89	14540.81	15024.73	14544.95	13339.76	13546.37	12976.11
	D2	15197.06	15197.06	15139.42	15146.66	13441.96	13565.83	12743.55
	D3	16428.22	16372.83	15459.89	16138.39	14100.45	14404.41	13587.74
	D4	17436.12	17436.12	15394.68	16699.34	13877.95	13933.78	13472.95
	D5	16035.00	16035.00	14509.05	15062.62	14252.95	14313.30	14056.42
	D6	14331.97	14329.07	15755.73	14329.94	13543.50	13651.92	13332.12
	D7	14504.08	14423.72	16735.96	14484.43	13526.99	13562.22	13468.22
20uncor4	D1	17327.77	17297.88	18635.24	17318.48	15709.73	15682.95	15253.15
	D2	18631.95	17963.50	18718.68	18563.19	14981.40	15756.11	15743.38
	D3	21157.50	19656.67	19667.90	20836.73	16581.39	17369.36	16286.06
	D4	23543.88	22256.88	19880.49	22734.38	17453.40	17570.43	17224.29
	D5	24182.80	24182.80	20423.80	22531.15	17625.73	17746.24	18052.19
	D6	16892.19	16559.36	19657.53	16889.20	14671.57	15080.44	15033.18
	D7	17711.46	16973.04	21100.46	17338.52	15649.36	15885.25	15717.10
20uncor5	D1	9808.42	9798.21	10706.09	9802.68	8797.96	9119.29	8513.68
	D2	10547.66	10547.66	11206.51	10509.65	9117.45	9383.99	9485.89
	D3	11980.16	11937.69	10785.22	11774.89	9420.54	9942.94	9518.15
	D4	13089.36	13011.42	10549.11	12791.65	10256.96	10068.90	9769.55
	D5	14146.23	13933.00	11497.40	13150.89	10749.46	10892.82	10497.74
	D6	9561.17	9538.70	11314.69	9559.28	8743.38	9055.11	8701.76
	D7	9736.11	9653.75	11616.63	9701.18	9115.81	9419.20	9175.37
20uncor6	D1	1459.46	1457.53	1564.37	1456.06	1318.09	1364.43	1221.44
	D2	1544.00	1544.00	1588.72	1531.09	1367.15	1401.14	1397.97
	D3	1690.33	1679.47	1600.99	1647.82	1375.32	1406.73	1402.25
	D4	1799.63	1787.75	1639.98	1733.00	1357.76	1379.36	1450.30
	D5	1894.74	1868.00	1548.18	1791.13	1429.09	1428.11	1434.95
	D6	1432.27	1429.03	1617.40	1430.49	1360.63	1381.50	1322.99
	D7	1494.58	1452.06	1713.35	1470.68	1356.51	1377.40	1356.19
20uncor7	D1	9066.49	9061.11	8895.31	9060.04	8748.90	8775.27	8606.08
	D2	9174.84	9174.84	9143.87	9076.70	8750.27	8760.71	8543.92
	D3	9336.27	9324.13	9147.13	9254.63	8661.97	8686.51	7766.75
	D4	9420.79	9420.79	8741.74	9322.51	8723.23	8747.86	7915.72
	D5	9461.76	9461.76	9265.67	9367.86	8537.24	8543.82	8108.69
	D6	9028.58	9026.09	9042.13	9026.17	8762.98	8773.35	8320.65
	D7	9054.83	9047.01	9108.07	9051.68	8767.66	8783.23	8569.85
20uncor8	D1	11558.26	11543.61	12322.48	11530.82	10467.79	10855.15	10636.21
	D2	12185.26	12185.26	12762.46	12051.89	10390.82	10718.55	10921.89
	D3	13240.58	13089.00	12514.14	12844.13	10698.71	10988.40	11078.45
	D4	14067.65	13912.20	12289.50	13441.24	10842.28	10976.21	11105.51
	D5	14636.98	14303.20	12102.65	13515.42	10892.57	10870.16	11381.78
	D6	11339.09	11300.90	12825.27	11329.13	10253.45	10472.15	10254.29
	D7	11631.41	11370.14	13461.88	11405.53	10662.32	10827.82	10437.80
20uncor9	D1	5608.58	5600.39	6078.60	5605.51	5176.80	5321.62	4995.69
	D2	5937.88	5937.88	6211.34	5910.50	5122.25	5310.78	5198.71
	D3	6577.57	6524.67	6347.67	6454.38	5349.53	5470.90	5400.02
	D4	7165.69	7021.69	6501.60	6876.53	5630.29	5670.04	5802.17
	D5	7581.17	7526.90	6201.98	7034.04	5341.80	5390.83	5372.26
	D6	5499.61	5484.38	6369.35	5498.62	5150.11	5274.72	4978.59
	D7	5874.54	5597.90	6723.44	5701.37	5159.13	5285.49	5295.74
20uncor10	D1	18587.96	18564.24	19320.92	18549.28	17022.34	17445.23	16393.10
	D2	19283.67	19283.67	19640.00	19195.46	17000.09	17401.36	16646.87
	D3	20535.76	20465.18	18936.26	20324.87	17142.99	17374.79	16556.04
	D4	21634.32	21359.25	19802.52	21153.03	18031.97	17939.30	16701.87
	D5	22616.56	22426.05	19559.67	21727.01	17383.87	17714.82	17177.66
	D6	18333.48	18271.03	20273.80	18306.80	16917.86	17228.88	16865.20
	D7	19016.80	18553.43	20549.65	18707.47	17420.43	17692.52	17344.01