CS375 Assignment 10

Due October 26th 10PM ET

A general note for CS375: When writing up your homework, please write neatly and explain your answers clearly, giving all details needed to make your answers easy to understand. Graders may not award full credit to incomplete or illegible solutions.

You are encouraged to discuss the problems with your classmates, **but your submission should be your own.** When writing your solutions up, you should not be looking at any other student's submission.

Clear communication **is the point**, on every assignment. In general in CS375, unless explicitly specified otherwise, answers should be accompanied by explanations. Answers without explanations may not receive full credit. Please feel free to ask me any questions about explanations that might come up!

Necessary acknowledgements: many of these questions are reproductions or adaptations of questions of Eric Aaron's devising. Others are from our course texts as listed on the syllabus.

Recall Rod Cutting from class:

> *Rod Cutting*
> **Input:** A length n rod and an array `p[0, ..., n]` where `p[`i`]` denotes the sell-price of a length i rod.
> **Output:** A collection S of positive integers such that $\sum_{s \text{ in } S} s = n$ and $\sum_{s \text{ in } S}$ `p[`s`]` is maximized.

Let's change the problem a little: suppose we are only allowed to make at most k cuts for some integer $k \geq 0$. Develop a $\Theta(n^2 k)$ algorithm to determine the best way to cut a length n rod using **at most** k cuts.

Code up your algorithm and run it on the input $p = [0, 8, 18, 26, 26, 36, 41, 49, 55, 63, 68, 77, 79, 84]$ and $k = 3$.