

# Lecture 16: Dynamic Programming over Intervals

## DP Over Intervals

Main idea of interval dynamic programming.

- Problem contains items  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . Recurrence gives optimal solution of the original problem  $[1, n]$  as function of optimal solution of subproblems of smaller length (**length** refers to the number of items in the problem)
- **Base case contains problems of length 1, i.e., problem  $[1, 1]$ , problem  $[2, 2]$ , ..., problem  $[n, n]$ .**
  - **All solutions are stored in diagonals of a 2D array. Solutions of small problems are re-used by bigger ones.**
- Then, we solve  $n-1$  problems of length 2, i.e., problem  $[1, 2]$ , problem  $[2, 3]$ , ..., problem  $[n-1, n]$ .
- ....
- Then, we solve  $n-l+1$  problems of length  $l$ , i.e., problem  $[1, l]$ , problem  $[2, l+1]$ , ..., problem  $[n-l+1, n]$
- Finally, we solve 1 problem of size  $n$ : problem  $[1, n]$
- Algorithm fills diagonals in a 2D table from smallest to largest problem length. First the main diagonal (**base case**), then the one on top of that, .... At the end, the solution of the **problem  $[1, n]$**  is at the top right cell.

## Longest Palindromic Substring

**Def:** A **palindrome** is a string that reads the same backward or forward.

**Ex:**

- radar, level, racecar, madam
- "A man, a plan, a canal - Panama!" (ignoring space, punctuation, etc.)

**Problem:** Given a string  $X = x_1x_2 \dots x_n$ , find the longest palindromic substring.

**Ex:**

- $X = \text{ACCABA}$
- Palindromic substrings: CC, ACCA, ABA
- Longest palindromic substring: **ACCA**

**Note:**

- Brute-force algorithm takes  $O(n^3)$  time.
- Recall: A substring must be contiguous

## Dynamic Programming Solution

**Def:** Let  $p[i, j]$  be *true* iff  $X[i..j]$  is a palindrome.

The Recurrence:

Initial Conditions (subproblems of sizes 1 & 2)

- $p[i, i] = \text{true}$ , for all  $i$ 
  - ACBBCABA
- $p[i, i + 1] = \text{true}$  if  $x_i = x_{i+1}$ 
  - ACBBCABA

The Actual Recurrence

- $p[i, j] = \text{true}$ 
  - if  $x_i = x_j$  AND  $p[i + 1, j - 1] = \text{true}$
  - ACBBCABA
  - ACBBCABA

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	B	A	B	B	C	C	C	B

## A Completed DP Table

Initial Condition  
j=i; j=i+1

i/j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	T	F						
2		T	F					
3			T	T				
4				T	F			
5					T	T		
6						T	T	
7							T	F
8								T

j=i+2

i/j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	T	F	T					
2		T	F	F				
3			T	T	F			
4				T	F	F		
5					T	T	T	
6						T	T	F
7							T	F
8								T

j=i+4

i/j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	T	F	T	F	F			
2		T	F	F	F	F		
3			T	T	F	F	F	
4				T	F	F	F	T
5					T	T	T	F
6						T	T	F
7							T	F
8								T

j=i+3

i/j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	T	F	T	F				
2		T	F	F	F			
3			T	T	F	F		
4				T	F	F	F	
5					T	T	T	F
6						T	T	F
7							T	F
8								T

j>i+4

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1	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	F
2		T	F	F	F	F	F	F
3			T	T	F	F	F	F
4				T	F	F	F	T
5					T	T	T	F
6						T	T	F
7							T	F
8								T

Largest is  
BCCCB

## The Algorithm

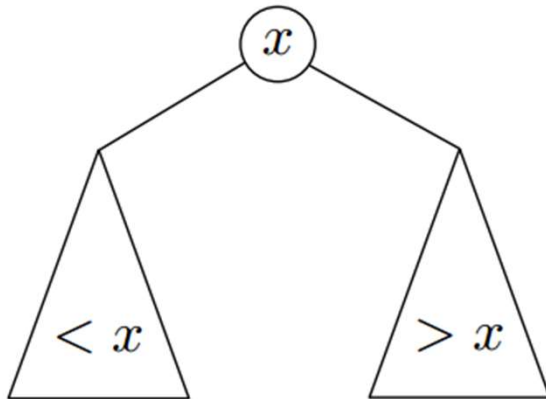
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max ← 1
for i ← 1 to n - 1 do
    p[i, i] ← true
    if xi = xi+1 then
        p[i, i + 1] ← true, max ← 2
    else p[i, i + 1] ← false
for l ← 3 to n do
    for i ← 1 to n - l + 1 do
        j ← i + l - 1
        if p[i + 1, j - 1] = true and xi = xj then
            p[i, j] ← true, max ← l
        else p[i, j] ← false
return max
```

*initial conditions*  
length 1  
length 2  
for each length 3 to n  
starting character  
ending character

Running time:  $O(n^2)$

Space:  $O(n^2)$  but can be improved to  $O(n)$

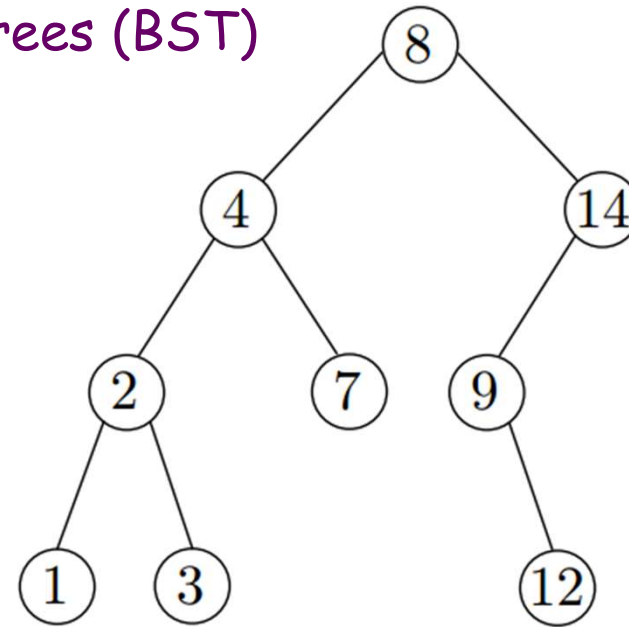
## Binary search trees (BST)



**Tree-Search( $T, k$ ) :**

$x \leftarrow T.root$

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while  $x \neq nil$  and  $k \neq x.key$  do
  if  $k < x.key$  then  $x \leftarrow x.left$ 
  else  $x \leftarrow x.right$ 
return  $x$ 
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The (worst-case) search time in a balanced BST is  $\Theta(\log n)$

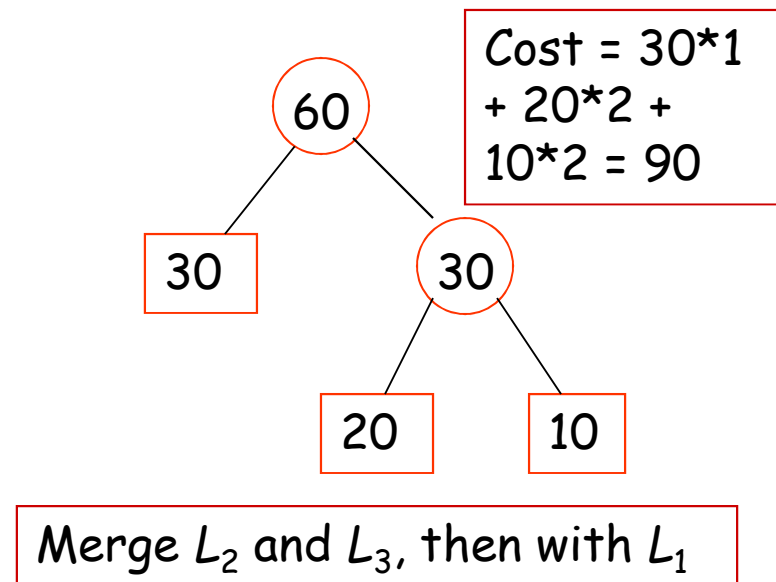
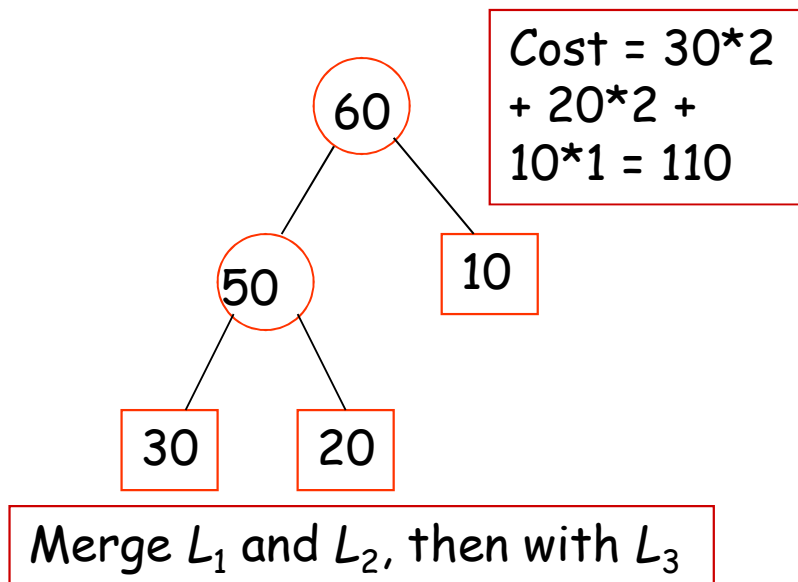
**Q:** If we know the probability of each key being searched for, can we design a (possibly unbalanced) BST to optimize the expected search time?

## Similar Problem seen in Huffman Codes: Binary Merge Tree

You are given a set of leaf nodes  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and associated leaf weights  $w(a_1), \dots, w(a_n)$

Create a binary tree from the leaf nodes towards the root, in which the size of each node is the sum of the sizes of the two children.

A binary merge tree is **optimal** if it minimizes the **weighted external path length**. The *weighted external path length* of the tree is  $B(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n w(a_i)d(a_i)$





## Optimal Binary Merge Tree Greedy Algorithm - Same as Huffman Coding

**Input:**  $n \geq 2$  leaf nodes, each with a size (i.e., # list elements) .

**Output:** a binary tree with the given leaf nodes which has a minimum total weighted external path lengths

**Algorithm:**

Create a min-heap  $T[1..n]$  based on the  $n$  initial sizes.

While (the heap size  $\geq 2$ ) do

    extract from the heap two smallest values  $a$  and  $b$

    create intermediate node of size  $a + b$  whose children are  $a$  and  $b$

    insert the value  $(a + b)$  into the heap

Time complexity  $O(n \log n)$

It can be shown that the Binary Merge Tree is optimal

## The Optimal Binary Search Tree Problem

Problem Definition (simpler than the version in textbook):

Given  $n$  keys  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ , with weights  $f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)$ , find a binary search tree  $T$  on these  $n$  keys such that

$$B(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i)(d(a_i) + 1)$$

is minimized, where  $d(a_i)$  is the depth of  $a_i$ .

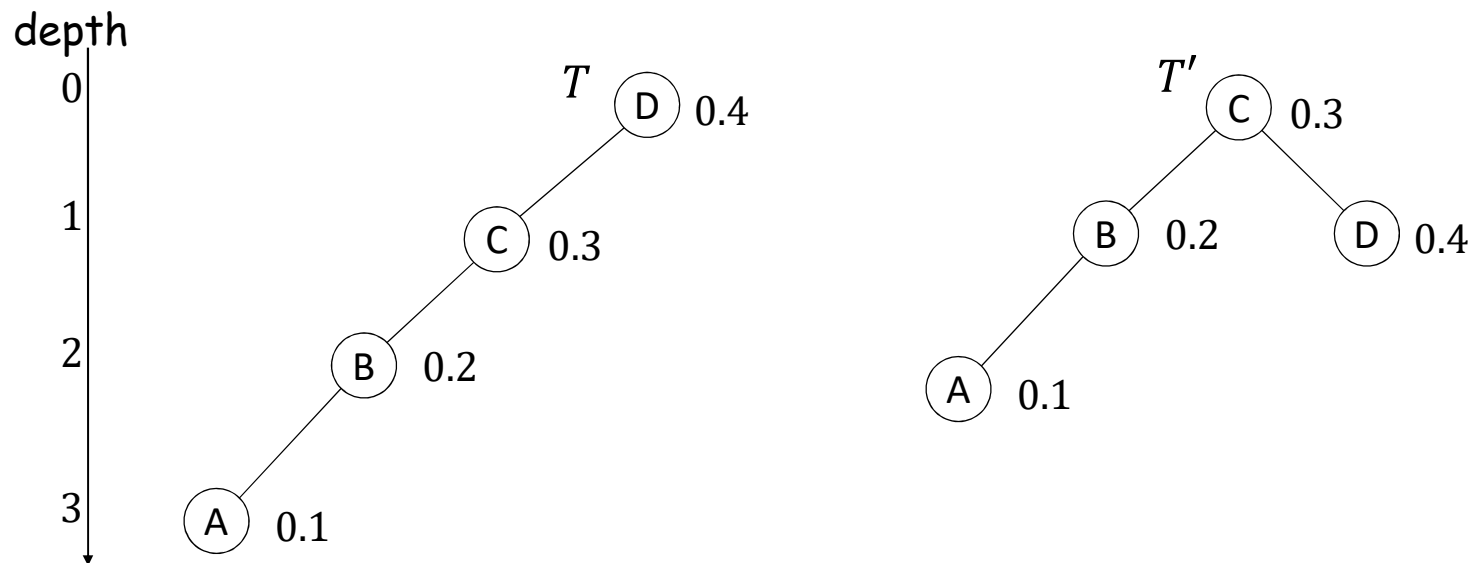
**Note:** Similar to the Binary Merge Tree problem but with 2 key differences:

- The tree has to be a **BST**, i.e., the keys are stored in **sorted order**.  
In a Binary Merge Tree, there is no ordering among the leaves.
- Keys appear as both **internal and leaf** nodes. In a Binary Merge Tree, keys (characters) appear only at the leaf nodes.

**Motivation:** If the weights are the probabilities of the elements being searched for, such a BST will minimize **the expected search cost**.

## Greedy Won't Work

Cannot apply Huffman algorithm because it assumes that all keys must be at leaves. Alternative **greedy** algorithm: Always pick the heaviest key as root, then recursively build the tree top-down.



$T$  was built using greedy strategy and has cost

$$B(T) = 0.4 \cdot 1 + 0.3 \cdot 2 + 0.2 \cdot 3 + 0.1 \cdot 4 = 2$$

$T'$  has a smaller cost

$$B(T') = 0.4 \cdot 2 + 0.3 \cdot 1 + 0.2 \cdot 2 + 0.1 \cdot 3 = 1.8$$

## Dynamic Programming: The Recurrence

Let  $T_{i,j}$  be some tree on the subset of nodes  $a_i < a_{i+1} < \dots < a_j$ .

The cost is well defined as  $B(T_{i,j}) = \sum_{t=i}^j f(a_t)(d(a_t) + 1)$

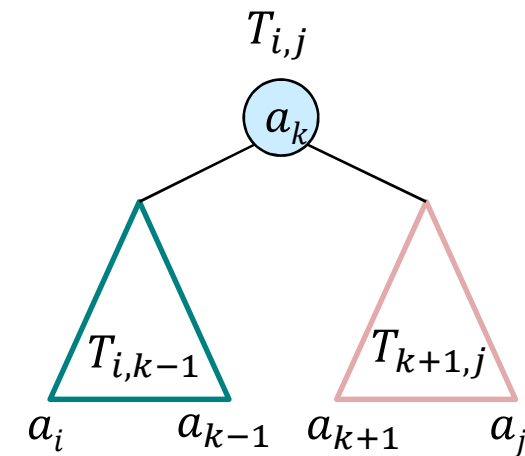
Let  $w[i,j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

Suppose we **knew** root of  $T_{i,j}$  was  $a_k$ .

$T_{i,j}$  is a BST, so left and right sub-tree children of  $a_k$

are some tree  $T_{i,k-1}$  on  $a_i < \dots < a_{k-1}$

and some tree  $T_{k+1,j}$  on  $a_{k+1} < \dots < a_j$



Nodes in  $T_{i,k-1}$  and  $T_{k+1,j}$  are one level deeper in  $T_{i,j}$  than in their original trees. So the cost of  $T_{i,j}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} B(T_{i,j}) &= (B(T_{i,k-1}) + w[i, k-1]) + f(a_k) + (B(T_{k+1,j}) + w[k+1, j]) \\ &= B(T_{i,k-1}) + B(T_{k+1,j}) + w[i, k-1] + f(a_k) + w[k+1, j] \\ &= B(T_{i,k-1}) + B(T_{k+1,j}) + w[i, j] \end{aligned}$$

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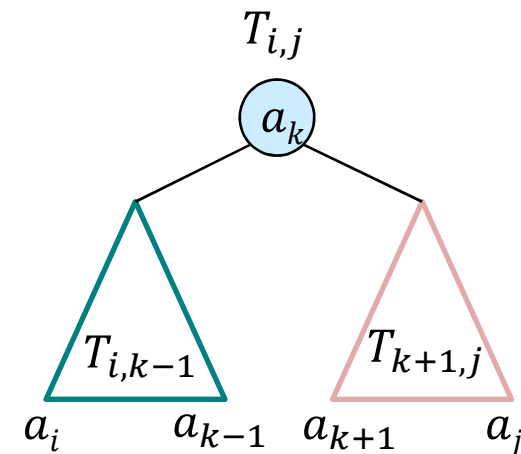
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The cost of  $T_{i,j}$  is

$$(*) B(T_{i,j}) = B(T_{i,k-1}) + B(T_{k+1,j}) + w[i,j].$$



In particular, suppose  $T_{i,j}$  has root  $a_k$  and is a minimum cost tree over all trees with nodes  $a_i, \dots, a_j$

$\Rightarrow$  its left subtree  $T_{i,k-1}$  must be a minimum cost tree with nodes  $a_i, \dots, a_{k-1}$

If it wasn't, we could replace  $T_{i,k-1}$  by a lesser cost subtree with nodes  $a_i, \dots, a_{k-1}$ . By (\*), this would reduce  $B(T_{i,j})$ , contradicting that  $T_{i,j}$  is a minimum cost tree.

Similarly, the right subtree  $T_{k+1,j}$  must be minimum cost for  $a_{k+1}, \dots, a_j$

## Dynamic Programming: The Recurrence

**Def:**  $e[i, j]$  = the minimum cost of any BST on  $a_i, \dots, a_j$

**Idea:** The root of the BST can be any of  $a_i, \dots, a_j$ . We try each of them.

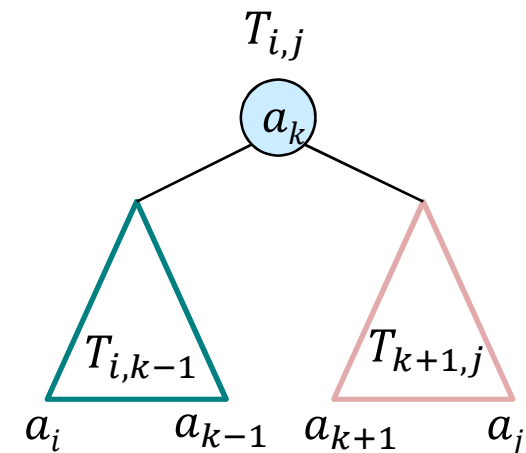
**Recurrence:**

Let  $w[i, j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

Suppose we knew min-cost BST  $T_{i,j}$  for  $[i, j]$  and that its root was  $a_k$ .

Its left subtree  $T_{i,k-1}$  must be optimal for  $[i, k-1]$   
and its right subtree  $T_{k+1,j}$  must be optimal for  $[k+1, j]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow e[i, j] &= B(T_{i,j}) \\ &= B(T_{i,k-1}) + B(T_{k+1,j}) + w[i, j] \\ &= e[i, k-1] + e[k+1, j] + w[i, j] \end{aligned}$$



**To find  $T_{i,j}$  we can try out every possible value of  $k$  and return the one which minimizes tree cost!**

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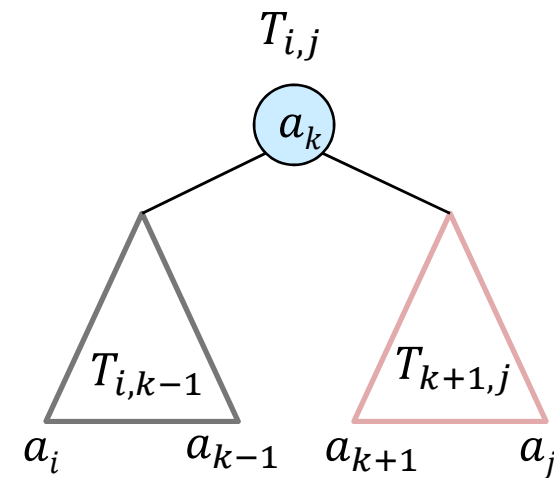
Let  $w[i, j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

$$e[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k \leq j} \{e[i, k-1] + e[k+1, j] + w[i, j]\}$$

$$e[i, j] = 0 \text{ for } i > j.$$

$$e[i, i] = f(a_i) \text{ for all } i$$

**Note:** All  $w[i, j]$ 's can be pre-computed in  $O(n^2)$  time.



## The Algorithm

**Idea:** We will do the bottom-up computation by the increasing order of the problem size.

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let  $e[1..n, 1..n], w[1..n, 1..n], \text{root}[1..n, 1..n]$  be new arrays of all 0
for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
     $w[i, i] \leftarrow f(a_i)$ 
    for  $j = i + 1$  to  $n$ 
         $w[i, j] \leftarrow w[i, j - 1] + f(a_j)$ 
for  $l \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - l + 1$ 
         $j \leftarrow i + l - 1$ 
         $e[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$ 
        for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j$ 
             $t \leftarrow e[i, k - 1] + e[k + 1, j] + w[i, j]$ 
            if  $t < e[i, j]$  then
                 $e[i, j] \leftarrow t$ 
                 $\text{root}[i, j] \leftarrow k$ 
return Construct-BST( $\text{root}, 1, n$ )
```

*computation of  $w[i, j]$*

*length of  $[i, j]$*

*First node*

*Last node*

*Root  $k$  that*

*minimizes*

*$e[i, k - 1] + e[k + 1, j] + w[i, j]$*

**Running time:**  $O(n^3)$

**Space:**  $O(n^2)$



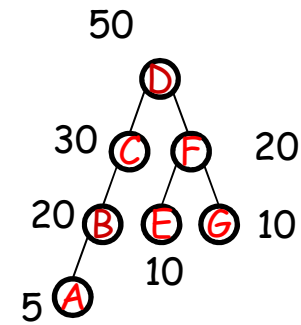
## Construct the Optimal BST

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Construct-BST(root, i, j) :  
if  $i > j$  then return nil  
create a node z  
z.key  $\leftarrow a[\text{root}[i, j]]$   
z.left  $\leftarrow \text{Construct-BST}(\text{root}, i, \text{root}[i, j] - 1)$   
z.right  $\leftarrow \text{Construct-BST}(\text{root}, \text{root}[i, j] + 1, j)$   
return z
```

Running time of this part:  $O(n)$

## Worked example of the Optimal BST Problem

input							
$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10



Optimal (min-cost) given  
input  
Its cost is

$$5*4 + 20*3 + 30*2 + 50*1 + 10*3 + 20*2 + 10*3 = 290$$

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input

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

Precompute:  $w[i, j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

Define:  $e[i, j] =$  the minimum cost of any BST on  $a_i, \dots, a_j$

Recurrence:  $e[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k \leq j} \{e[i, k-1] + e[k+1, j] + w[i, j]\}$

Initial Conditions: for  $i > j$   $e[i, j] = 0$   
and  $e[i, i] = w[i, i] = f(a_i)$

	$e[i,j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5						
2		20					
3			30				
4				50			
5					10		
6						20	
7							10

$$\begin{aligned}
 e[1,1] &= f(a_1) = 5 \\
 e[2,2] &= f(a_2) = 20 \\
 e[3,3] &= f(a_3) = 30 \\
 e[4,4] &= f(a_4) = 50 \\
 e[5,5] &= f(a_5) = 10 \\
 e[6,6] &= f(a_6) = 20 \\
 e[7,7] &= f(a_7) = 10
 \end{aligned}$$

	$root[i,j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1						
2		2					
3			3				
4				4			
5					5		
6						6	
7							7

- $root[1,1] = 1$
- $root[2,2] = 2$
- $root[3,3] = 3$
- $root[4,4] = 4$
- $root[5,5] = 5$
- $root[6,6] = 6$
- $root[7,7] = 7$

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$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30					
2		20	70				
3			30	110			
4				50	70		
5					10	40	
6						20	40
7							10

$$e[1, 2] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 2} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 2] + w[1, 2]\} = \min\{45, 30\} = 30$$

$$e[2, 3] = \min_{2 \leq k \leq 3} \{e[2, k-1] + e[k+1, 3] + w[2, 3]\} = \min\{80, 70\} = 70$$

$$e[3, 4] = \min_{2 \leq k \leq 3} \{e[3, k-1] + e[k+1, 4] + w[3, 4]\} = \min\{130, 110\} = 110$$

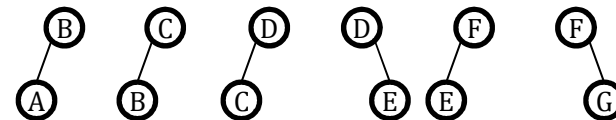
$$e[4, 5] = \min_{4 \leq k \leq 5} \{e[4, k-1] + e[k+1, 5] + w[4, 5]\} = \min\{70, 110\} = 70$$

$$e[5, 6] = \min_{5 \leq k \leq 6} \{e[5, k-1] + e[k+1, 6] + w[5, 6]\} = \min\{50, 40\} = 40$$

$$e[6, 7] = \min_{6 \leq k \leq 7} \{e[6, k-1] + e[k+1, 7] + w[6, 7]\} = \min\{40, 50\} = 40$$

	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2					
2		2	3				
3			3	4			
4				4	4		
5					5	6	
6						6	6
7							7

- $root[1, 2] = 2$
- $root[2, 3] = 3$
- $root[3, 4] = 4$
- $root[4, 5] = 4$
- $root[5, 6] = 6$
- $root[6, 7] = 6$



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$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85				
2		20	70	170			
3			30	110	130		
4				50	70	120	
5					10	40	60
6						20	40
7							10

$$e[1, 3] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 3} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 3] + w[1, 3]\} = \min\{125, 90, 85\} = 85$$

$$e[2, 4] = \min_{2 \leq k \leq 4} \{210, 170, 170\} = 170$$

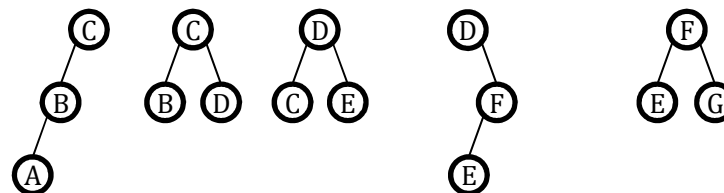
$$e[3, 5] = \min_{3 \leq k \leq 5} \{160, 130, 200\} = 130$$

$$e[4, 6] = \min_{4 \leq k \leq 6} \{120, 150, 150\} = 120$$

$$e[5, 7] = \min_{5 \leq k \leq 7} \{80, 60, 80\} = 60$$

	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3				
2		2	3	3			
3			3	4	4		
4				4	4	4	
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

- $root[1, 3] = 3$
- $root[2, 4] = 3$
- $root[3, 5] = 4$
- $root[4, 6] = 4$
- $root[5, 7] = 6$



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1	5	30	85				
2		20	70	170			
3			30	110	130		
4				50	70	120	
5					10	40	60
6						20	40
7							10

$$e[1,4] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 4} \{e[1,k-1] + e[k+1,4] + w[1,4]\}$$

$$= \min_{1 \leq k \leq 4} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} e[1,0] + e[2,4] + 105, & e[1,1] + e[3,4] + 105, \\ e[1,2] + e[4,4] + 105, & e[1,3] + e[5,4] + 105 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \min_{1 \leq k \leq 4} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 + 170 + 105, & 5 + 110 + 105, \\ 30 + 50 + 105, & 85 + 0 + 105 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \min\{275, 220, 185, 190\} = 185$$

	$root[i,j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3			
2		2	3	3			
3			3	4	4		
4				4	4	4	
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

		$e[i,j]$						
$i \setminus j$		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85	185				
2		20	70	170	190			
3			30	110	130	180		
4				50	70	120	150	
5					10	40	60	
6						20	40	
7							10	

$$e[1,4] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 4} \{e[1,k-1] + e[k+1,4] + w[1,4]\} = \min\{275, 220, 185, 190\} = 185$$

$$e[2,5] = \min \{240, 200, 190, 280\} = 190$$

$$e[3,6] = \min \{230, 180, 240, 240\} = 180$$

$$e[4,7] = \min \{150, 180, 170, 210\} = 150$$

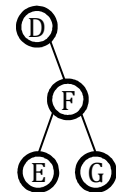
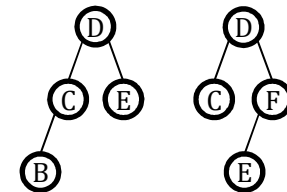
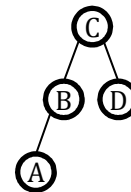
		$root[i,j]$						
$i \setminus j$		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3				
2		2	3	3	4			
3			3	4	4	4		
4				4	4	4	4	
5					5	6	6	
6						6	6	
7							7	

- $root[1,4] = 3$

- $root[2,5] = 4$

- $root[3,6] = 4$

- $root[4,7] = 4$



$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10



	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85	185	210		
2		20	70	170	190	240	
3			30	110	130	180	210
4				50	70	120	150
5					10	40	60
6						20	40
7							10

$$e[1, 5] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 5} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 5] + w[1, 5]\} = \min\{305, 250, 215, 210, 300\} = 210$$

$$e[2, 6] = \min \{310, 270, 240, 320, 320\} = 240$$

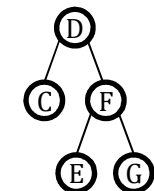
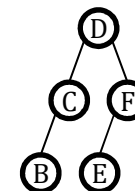
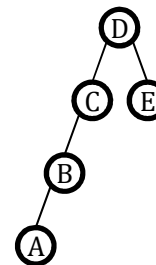
$$e[3, 7] = \min \{270, 210, 270, 260, 300\} = 210$$

	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3	4		
2		2	3	3	4	4	
3			3	4	4	4	4
4				4	4	4	4
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

- $root[1, 5] = 4$

- $root[2, 6] = 4$

- $root[3, 7] = 4$



$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85	185	210	260	
2		20	70	170	190	240	270
3			30	110	130	180	210
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5					10	40	60
6						20	40
7							10

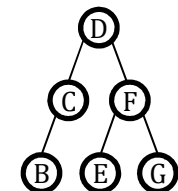
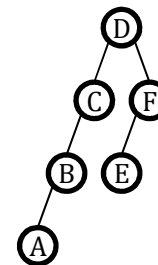
$$e[1, 6] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 6} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 6] + w[1, 6]\} = \min\{375, 320, 285, 260, 340, 345\} = 260$$

$$e[2, 7] = \min \{350, 310, 270, 350, 340, 380\} = 270$$

	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3	4	4	
2		2	3	3	4	4	4
3			3	4	4	4	4
4				4	4	4	4
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

$$\bullet \quad root[1, 6] = 4$$

$$\bullet \quad root[2, 7] = 4$$



$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

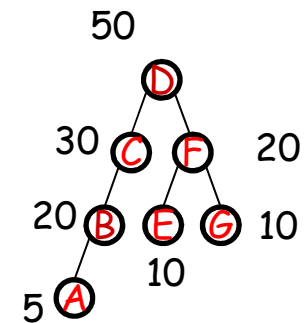
	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85	185	210	260	290
2		20	70	170	190	240	270
3			30	110	130	180	210
4				50	70	120	150
5					10	40	60
6						20	40
7							10

$$e[1, 7] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 7} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 7] + w[1, 7]\} = \min\{415, 360, 325, 290, 370, 365, 405\} = 290$$

	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3	4	4	4
2		2	3	3	4	4	4
3			3	4	4	4	4
4				4	4	4	4
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

$$\bullet \quad root[1, 7] = 4$$

Optimal Tree: Cost = 290

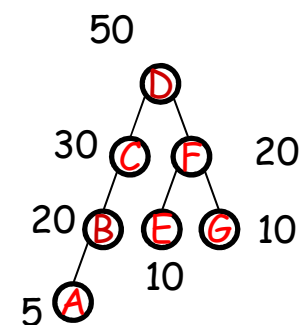


$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

	$e[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	5	30	85	185	210	260	290
2		20	70	170	190	240	270
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5					10	40	60
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7							10

$$e[1, 7] = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 7} \{e[1, k-1] + e[k+1, 7] + w[1, 7]\} = \min\{415, 360, 325, 290, 370, 365, 405\} = 290$$

Optimal Tree: Cost = 290



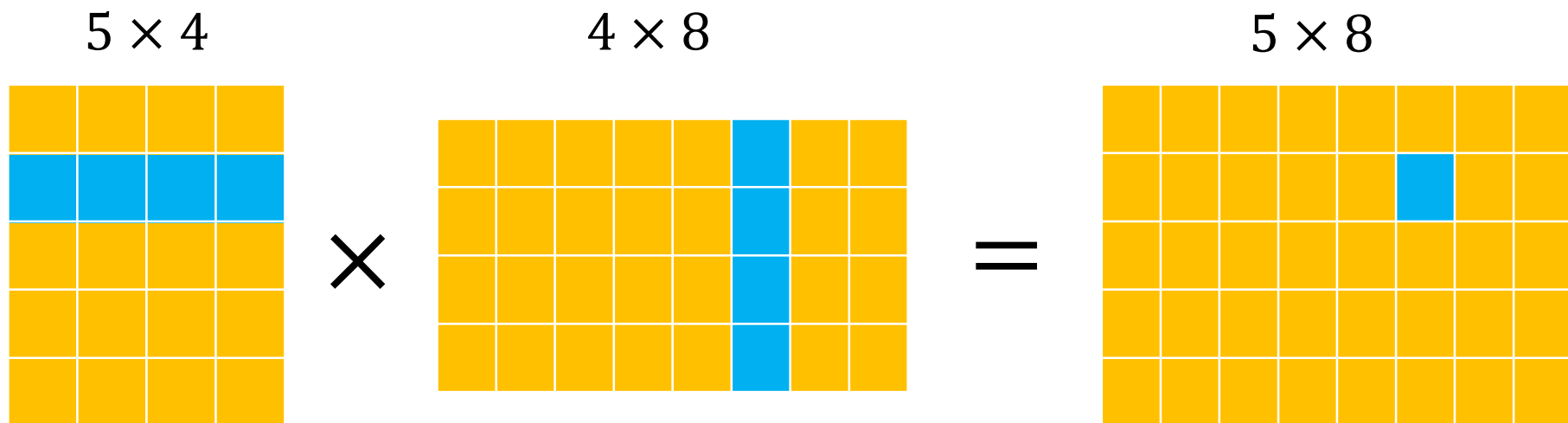
	$root[i, j]$						
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	3	4	4	4
2		2	3	3	4	4	4
3			3	4	4	4	4
4				4	4	4	4
5					5	6	6
6						6	6
7							7

- $root[1, 7] = 4$  (D)
- $root[1, 3] = 3$  (C)
- $root[5, 7] = 6$  (F)
- $root[1, 2] = 2$  (B)
- $root[1, 1] = 1$  (A)
- $root[5, 5] = 5$  (E)
- $root[7, 7] = 7$  (G)

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a_i$	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
$f(a_i)$	5	20	30	50	10	20	10

# Interval DP: Matrix-Chain Multiplication

The product of two matrices  $A_{p \times q}$  and  $B_{q \times r}$  (with dimensions  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$ ) is a matrix  $C_{p \times r}$ . Generating  $C_{p \times r}$  requires  $pqr$  scalar multiplications.



Given matrices  $A, B$  with entries  $a_{i,j}, b_{i,j}$ , the entries in the product matrix  $C = A \times B$  are

$$c_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{i,k} b_{k,j}$$

Diagrams on this and the next few pages modified from

<http://ramos.elo.utfsm.cl/~lsb/elo320/aplicaciones/aplicaciones/CS460AlgorithmsandComplexity/lecture17>

# Matrix-Chain Multiplication - 3 Matrices

The product of two matrices  $A_{p \times q}$  and  $B_{q \times r}$  (with dimensions  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$ ) is a matrix  $C_{p \times r}$  with  $pr$  entries.

Calculating any one entry in  $C_{p \times r}$  requires  $q$  scalar multiplications, so generating  $C_{p \times r}$  requires  $pqr$  scalar multiplications (sm).

For three matrices (e.g.,  $A_{10 \times 100}$ ,  $B_{100 \times 5}$  and  $C_{5 \times 50}$ ) there are 2 ways to parenthesize:

$$(A(BC)) = A_{10 \times 100} \cdot E_{100 \times 50}$$

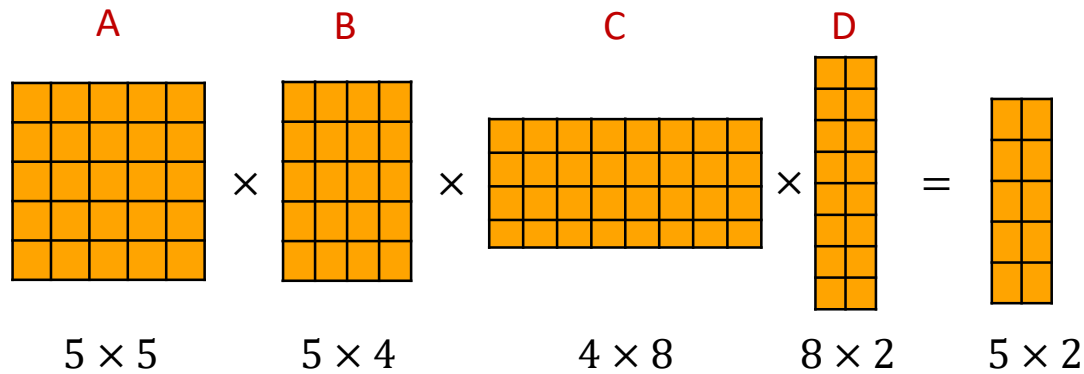
- $BC \Rightarrow 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25,000$  sm
- $AE \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50,000$  sm
- Total = 75,000

$$((AB)C) = D_{10 \times 5} \cdot C_{5 \times 50}$$

- $AB \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5,000$  sm
- $DC \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2,500$  sm
- Total = 7,500

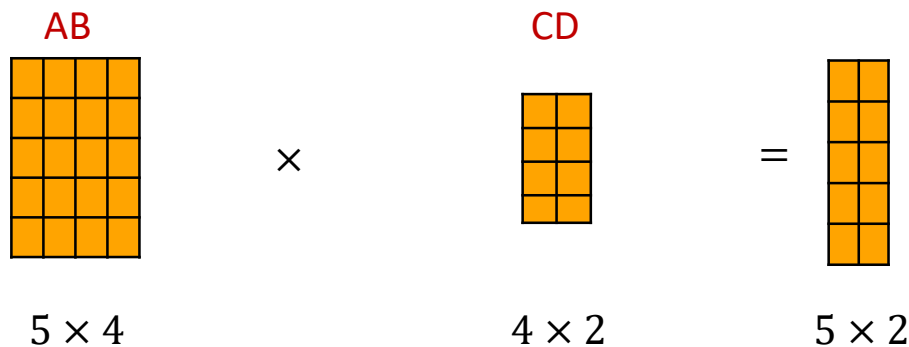
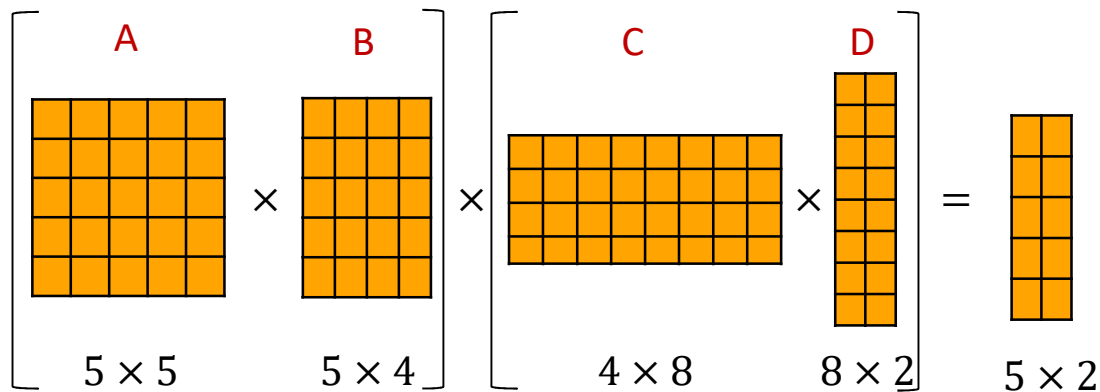
General problem: Given a sequence or chain  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , of  $n$  matrices, determine the optimal way to parenthesize (i.e., the solution with the minimum number of scalar multiplications).

# Matrix-Chain Multiplication - 5 Matrices

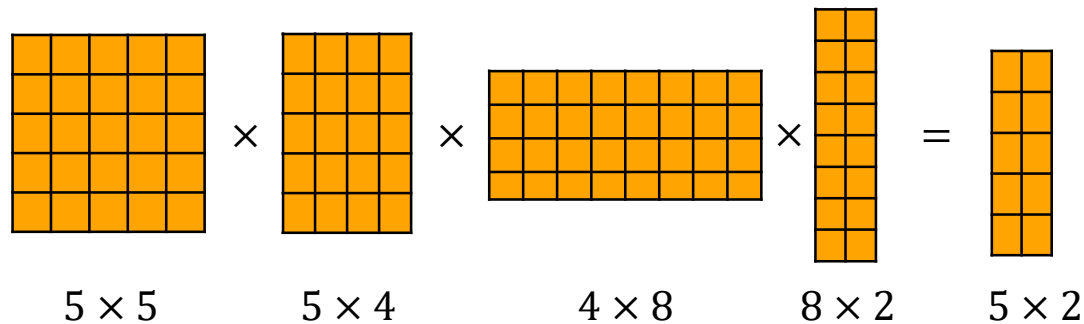


There are 5 different ways to multiply ABCD together

1.  $(A (B (CD) ) )$
2.  $(A ( (BC) D) )$
3.  $((AB) (CD) )$
4.  $((A (BC)) D )$
5.  $(( (AB) C) D )$

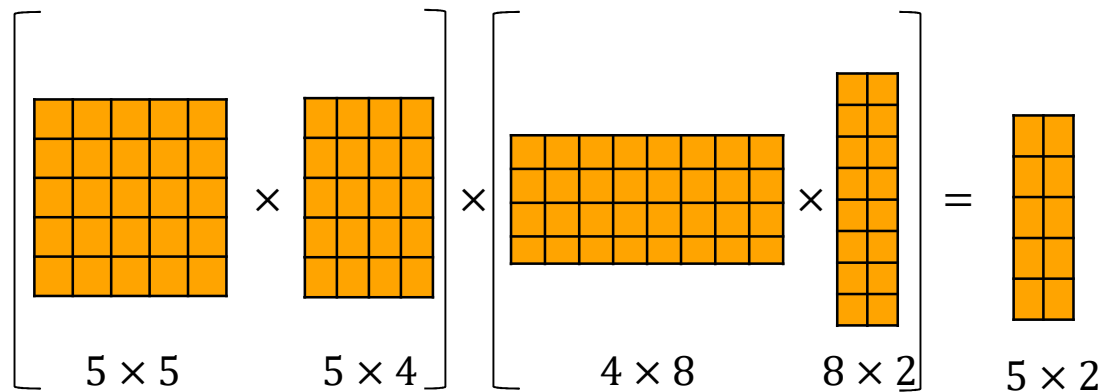


# Matrix-Chain Multiplication - 5 Matrices



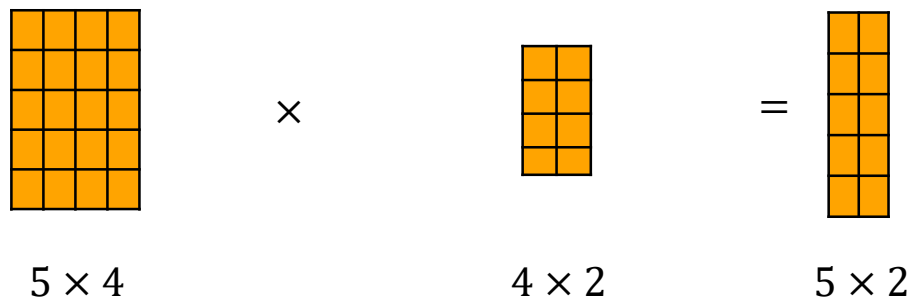
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1.  $(A (B (CD) ) )$
2.  $(A ( (BC) D) )$
3.  $((AB) (CD) )$
4.  $((A (BC)) D )$
5.  $(( (AB) C) D )$



Costs are

1.  $5(5)2 + 5(4)2 + 4(8)2 = 154$
2.  $5(5)2 + 5(4)8 + 5(8)2 = 290$
3.  $5(5)4 + 4(8)2 + 5(4)2 = 204$
4.  $5(5)8 + 5(4)8 + 5(8)2 = 440$
5.  $5(5)4 + 5(4)8 + 5(8)2 = 340$



*Recall: Multiplying  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$  matrices requires  $p \times q \times r$  multiplications And yields a  $p \times r$  matrix*



# Problem Definition

- Input: Values  $p_0 p_1 \cdots p_{n-1} p_n$
- These represent sizes of  $n$  matrices  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$   
Matrix  $A_i$  has dimensions  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$
- $A_{i \dots j}$  : matrix that is the product of  $A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$   
By construction  $A_{i \dots j}$  has dimensions  $p_{i-1} \times p_j$
- Goal: To find a minimum cost way of multiplying  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$  to get the final result  $A_{1 \dots n}$ .  
*cost = # of total scalar multiplications performed*

This is known as an **optimal parenthesization** of  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$  because the parentheses denote how to perform the multiplications e.g.,  $((AB)(CD))$  means first calculate  $X = AB$ , then calculate  $Y = CD$  and finally calculate  $XY$ .

# Optimal Solution Structure

- Given: Values  $p_0 p_1 \cdots p_{n-1} p_n$  s.t. Matrix  $A_i$  has size  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$
- $A_{i \dots j}$  : denotes matrix that results from the product  $A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$
- An (**optimal**) **parenthesization** of  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$  splits the product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$  for some integer  $k$  where  $1 \leq k < n$ .  
$$A_{1 \dots n} = (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \cdots A_n) = A_{1 \dots k} \cdot A_{k+1 \dots n}$$
- In the optimal parenthesization,  
1<sup>st</sup> : compute matrices  $A_{1 \dots k}$  and  $A_{k+1 \dots n}$  ;  
2<sup>nd</sup> : multiply  $A_{1 \dots k}$  and  $A_{k+1 \dots n}$  together to get final matrix  $A_{1 \dots n}$
- **Observation:** If parenthesization of  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$  is optimal  
 $\Rightarrow$  parenthesizations of subchains  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_k$  and  $A_{k+1} \cdots A_n$   
must also be optimal (why?)  
 $\Rightarrow$  The optimal solution to the problem contains within it the optimal solution to subproblems

# Recurrence

- $m[i, j]$  = minimum number of scalar multiplications necessary to compute  $A_{i \dots j}$
- Suppose the optimal parenthesization of  $A_{i \dots j}$  splits product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$ , for some integer  $k$ ,  $i \leq k < j$ 
  - $A_{i \dots j} = (A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \cdots A_j) = A_{i \dots k} \cdot A_{k+1 \dots j}$
  - min cost of computing  $A_{i \dots j} = \text{min cost of computing } A_{i \dots k} + \text{min cost of computing } A_{k+1 \dots j} + \text{cost of multiplying } A_{i \dots k} \text{ and } A_{k+1 \dots j}$
  - Cost of multiplying  $A_{i \dots k}$  and  $A_{k+1 \dots j}$  is  $p_{i-1} p_k p_j$
- But... optimal parenthesization occurs at some value of  $k$ . Check all possible values of  $k$  and select the best one.

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

# DP Algorithm

**Input:** Array  $p[0\dots n]$  containing matrix dimensions and  $n$

**Result:** Minimum-cost table  $m$  and split table  $s$   
( $s$  records values of  $k$  at which minima occurred)

**MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER**( $p[ ], n$ )

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

$m[i, i] = 0$

**for**  $l = 2$  **to**  $n$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n - l + 1$

$j = i + l - 1$

$m[i, j] = \infty$

**for**  $k = i$  **to**  $j - 1$

$q = m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$

**if**  $q < m[i, j]$  **then**

$m[i, j] = q$

$s[i, j] = k$

**return**  $m[ ]$  and  $s[ ]$

Initial  
Conditions

Recurrence  
Relation

Location of  
Minimum

Time is  $O(n^3)$ , space is  $O(n^2)$

# Matrix Multiplication Worked Example

Input:  $p_0 p_1 \cdots p_{n-1} p_n$

These represent sizes of  $n$  matrices  $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$

Matrix  $A_i$  has dimensions  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$

$A_{i \dots j}$  : matrix product of  $A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$

$A_{i \dots j}$  has dimensions  $p_{i-1} \times p_j$

$m[i, j]$  = minimum number of scalar multiplications required to compute  $A_{i \dots j}$

Recurrence

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

$s[i, j]$  = records values of  $k$  at which minimum occurs

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$A_1: 5 \times 4$        $A_3: 6 \times 2$        $A_5: 7 \times 4$   
 $A_2: 4 \times 6$        $A_4: 2 \times 7$

		$m[i, j]$				
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

		$s[i,j]$				
$i \setminus j$	1	2	3	4	5	
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

$l = 1$

	$m[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0				
2		0			
3			0		
4				0	
5					0

	$s[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

$$m[1, 1] = 0$$

$A_1$

$$m[2, 2] = 0$$

$A_2$

$$m[3, 3] = 0$$

$A_3$

$$m[4, 4] = 0$$

$A_4$

$$m[5, 5] = 0$$

$A_5$

$l = 2$

	$m[i,j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	120			
2		0	48		
3			0	84	
4				0	56
5					0

	$s[i,j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1		1			
2			2		
3				3	
4					4
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

$$m[1, 2] = m[1, 1] + m[2, 2] + 5 * 4 * 6 = 120 \quad A_1 A_2$$

$$\bullet \quad m[2, 3] = m[2, 2] + m[3, 3] + 4 * 6 * 2 = 48 \quad A_2 A_3$$

$$\bullet \quad m[3, 4] = m[3, 3] + m[4, 4] + 6 * 2 * 7 = 84 \quad A_3 A_4$$

$$\bullet \quad m[4, 5] = m[4, 4] + m[5, 5] + 2 * 7 * 4 = 56 \quad A_4 A_5$$



$l = 3$

	$m[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	120	88		
2		0	48	104	
3			0	84	104
4				0	56
5					0

	$s[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	1		
2			2	3	
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\}$$

$$m[1, 3] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[1, 1] + m[2, 3] + 5 * 4 * 2, \\ m[1, 2] + m[3, 3] + 5 * 6 * 2 \end{array} \right\} = 88 \quad A_1 A_{2..3}$$

$$m[2, 4] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[2, 2] + m[3, 4] + 4 * 6 * 7, \\ m[2, 3] + m[4, 4] + 4 * 2 * 7 \end{array} \right\} = 104 \quad A_{2..3} A_4$$

$$m[3, 5] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[3, 3] + m[4, 5] + 6 * 2 * 4, \\ m[3, 4] + m[5, 5] + 6 * 7 * 4 \end{array} \right\} = 104 \quad A_3 A_{4..5}$$

$l = 4$

	$m[i,j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	120	88	158	
2		0	48	104	136
3			0	84	104
4				0	56
5					0

	$s[i,j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	1	3	
2			2	3	3
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i,i] = 0$$

$$m[i,j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i,k] + m[k+1,j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j]$$

$$m[1,4] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[1,1] + m[2,4] + 5 * 4 * 7 \\ m[1,2] + m[3,4] + 5 * 6 * 7 \\ \mathbf{m[1,3] + m[4,4] + 5 * 2 * 7} \end{array} \right\} = 158 \quad A_{1..3}A_4$$

$$m[2,5] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[2,2] + m[3,5] + 4 * 6 * 4 \\ \mathbf{m[2,3] + m[4,5] + 4 * 2 * 4} \\ m[2,4] + m[5,5] + 4 * 7 * 4 \end{array} \right\} = 136 \quad A_{2..3}A_{4..5}$$

$l = 5$

	$m[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	120	88	158	184
2		0	48	104	136
3			0	84	104
4				0	56
5					0

	$s[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	1	3	3
2			2	3	3
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

$$m[1, 5] = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[1, 4] + m[5, 5] + 5 * 7 * 4, \\ m[1, 3] + m[4, 5] + 5 * 2 * 4, \\ m[1, 2] + m[3, 5] + 5 * 6 * 4, \\ m[1, 1] + m[2, 5] + 5 * 4 * 4 \end{array} \right\} = 184$$

$A_{1..3} A_{4..5}$

$l = 5$

	$m[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	120	88	158	184
2		0	48	104	136
3			0	84	104
4				0	56
5					0

	$s[i, j]$				
$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	1	3	3
2			2	3	3
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$	5	4	6	2	7	4

$$m[i, i] = 0$$

$$m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} [m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j]$$

Optimal solution is

$$(A_{1..s[1,5]} A_{s[1,5]+1..5}) = (A_{1..3} A_{4..5})$$

$$= (A_{1..s[1,3]} A_{s[1,3]+1..5}) A_{4..5} = ((A_{1..1} A_{2..3}) A_{4..5})$$

$$= ((A_1 (A_{2..s[2,3]} A_{s[2,3]+1..3})) A_{4..5})$$

$$= ((A_1 (A_{2..2} A_{3..3})) A_{4..5})$$

$$= ((A_1 (A_2 A_3)) A_{4..5})$$

$$= ((A_1 (A_2 A_3)) (A_{4..s[4,5]} A_{s[4,5]+1..5}))$$

$$= ((A_1 (A_2 A_3)) (A_4 A_5))$$