

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 $\text{problem}[1, n]$ 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., $\text{problem}[1, 1], \text{problem}[2, 2], \dots, \text{problem}[n, n]$.**
 - **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., $\text{problem}[1, 2], \text{problem}[2, 3], \dots, \text{problem}[n - 1, n]$.**
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- **Then, we solve $n - l + 1$ problems of length l , i.e., $\text{problem}[1, l], \text{problem}[2, l + 1], \dots, \text{problem}[n - l + 1, n]$.**
- **Finally, we solve 1 problem of size n : $\text{problem}[1, n]$**
- Algorithm fills diagonals in a 2 D 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 $\text{problem}[1, n]$ 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
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A Completed DP Table

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

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	
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j>i+4

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8								T

Largest is
BCCCCB

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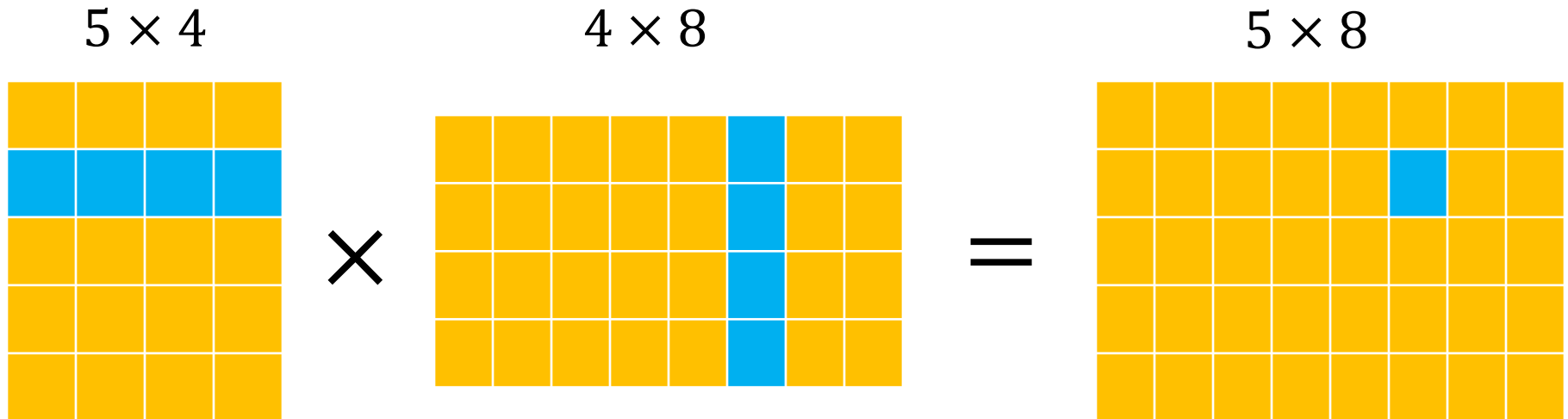
initial conditions
length 1
length 2
for each length 3 to n
starting character
ending character

Running time: $O(n^2)$

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

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

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

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<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:

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

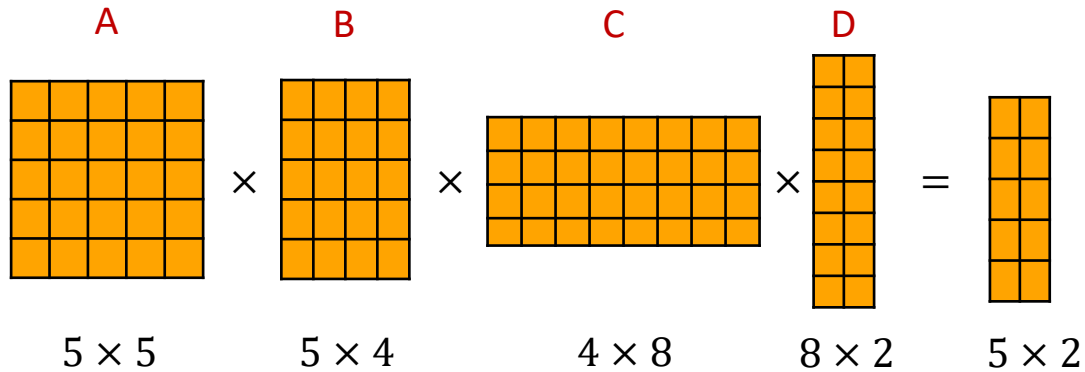
- $BC \Rightarrow 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25,000$ sm
- $AE \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50,000$ sm
- Total = 75,000

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

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

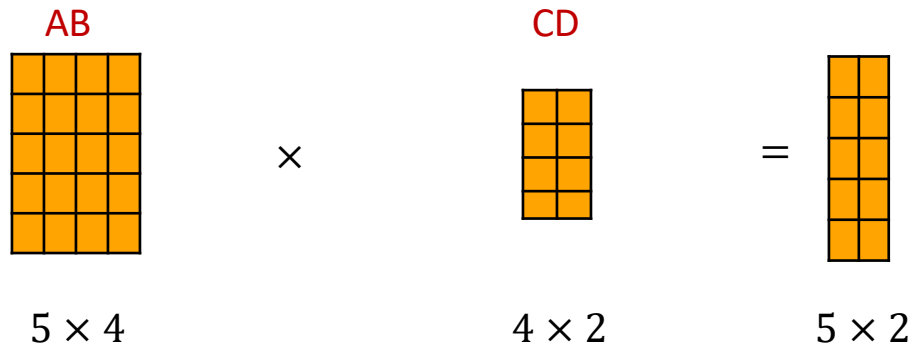
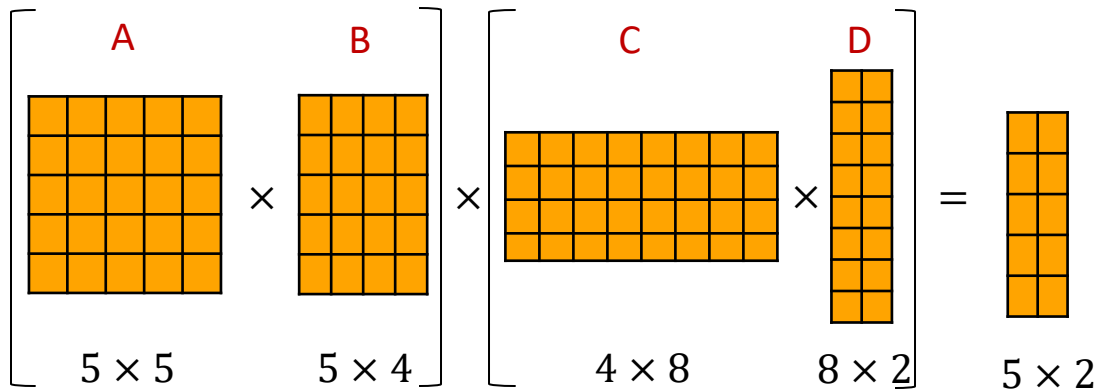
General problem: Given a sequence or chain A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , of n matrices, determine the optimal way to parenthesize (i.e., the solution with the minimum number of scalar multiplications).

Matrix-Chain Multiplication - 4 Matrices

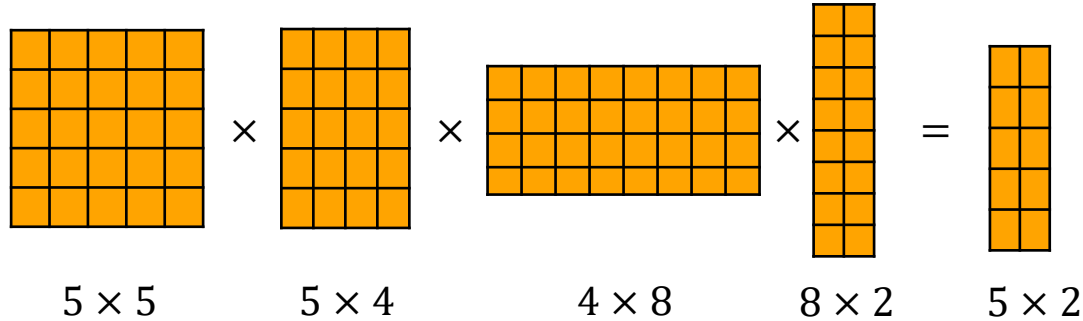


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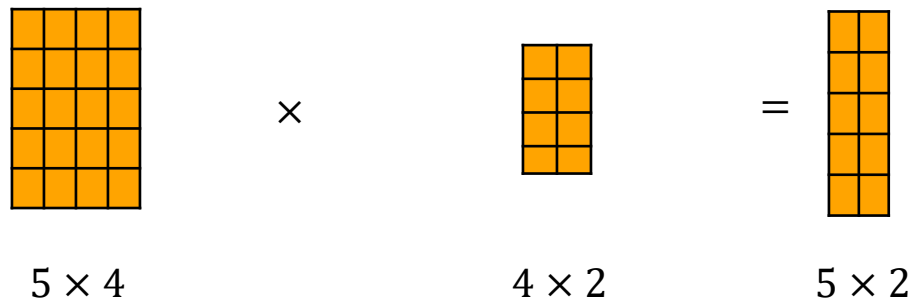
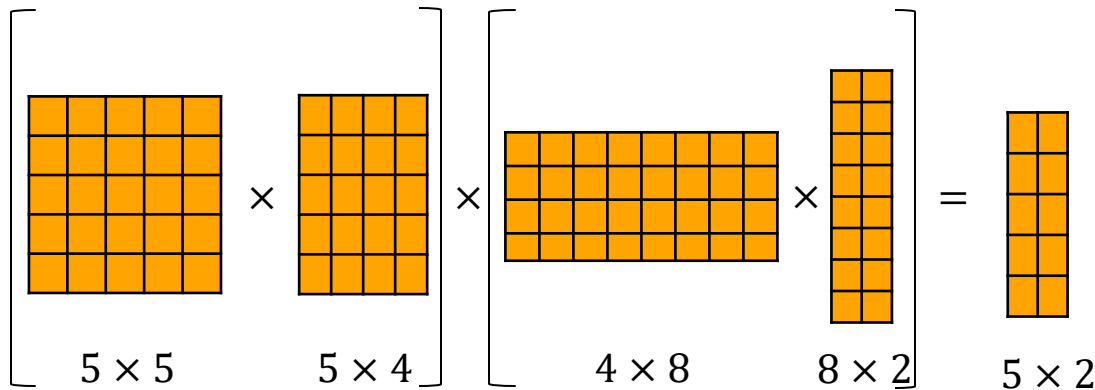


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Costs are

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,
1st : compute matrices $A_{1 \dots k}$ and $A_{k+1 \dots n}$;
2nd : 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
=> parenthesizations of subchains $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_k$ and $A_{k+1} \cdots A_n$
must also be optimal (why?)
=> 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** $j - 1$

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

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

$m[i, j] = q$

$s[i, j] = k$

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

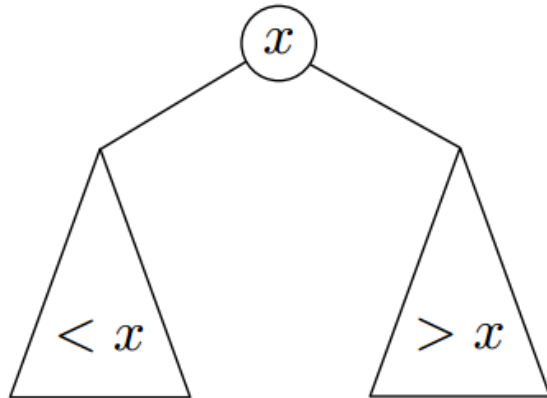
Initial
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Recurrence
Relation

Location of
Minimum

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

Binary search trees (BST)



Tree-Search(T, k) :

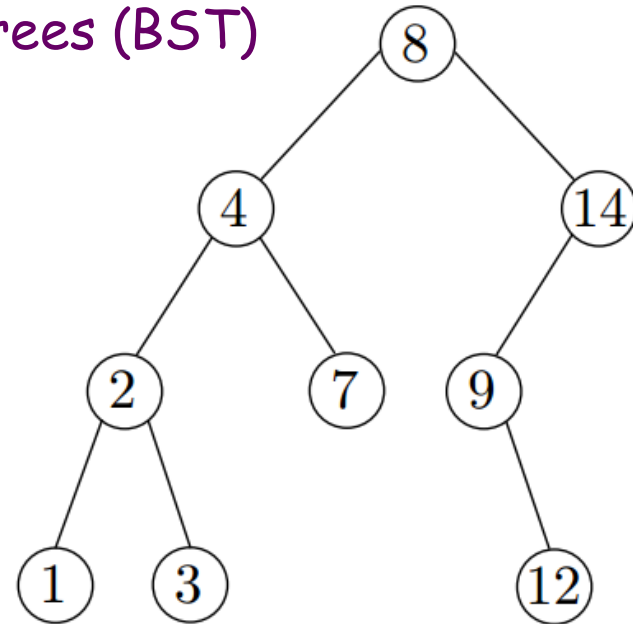
$x \leftarrow T.root$

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



The (worst-case) search time in a balanced BST is $\Theta(\log n)$

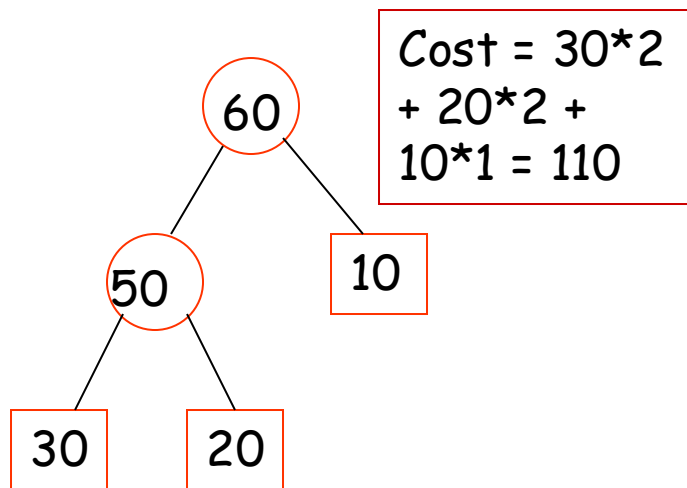
Q: If we know the probability of each key being searched for, can we design a (possibly unbalanced) BST to optimize the expected search time?

Similar Problem seen in Huffman Codes: Binary Merge Tree

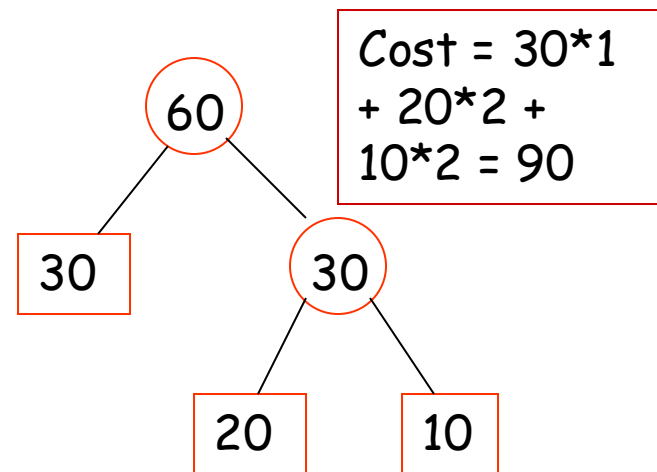
You are given a set of leaf nodes a_1, \dots, a_n and associated leaf weights $w(a_1), \dots, w(a_n)$

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



Merge L_1 and L_2 , then with L_3



Merge L_2 and L_3 , then with L_1

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 ≥ 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 .

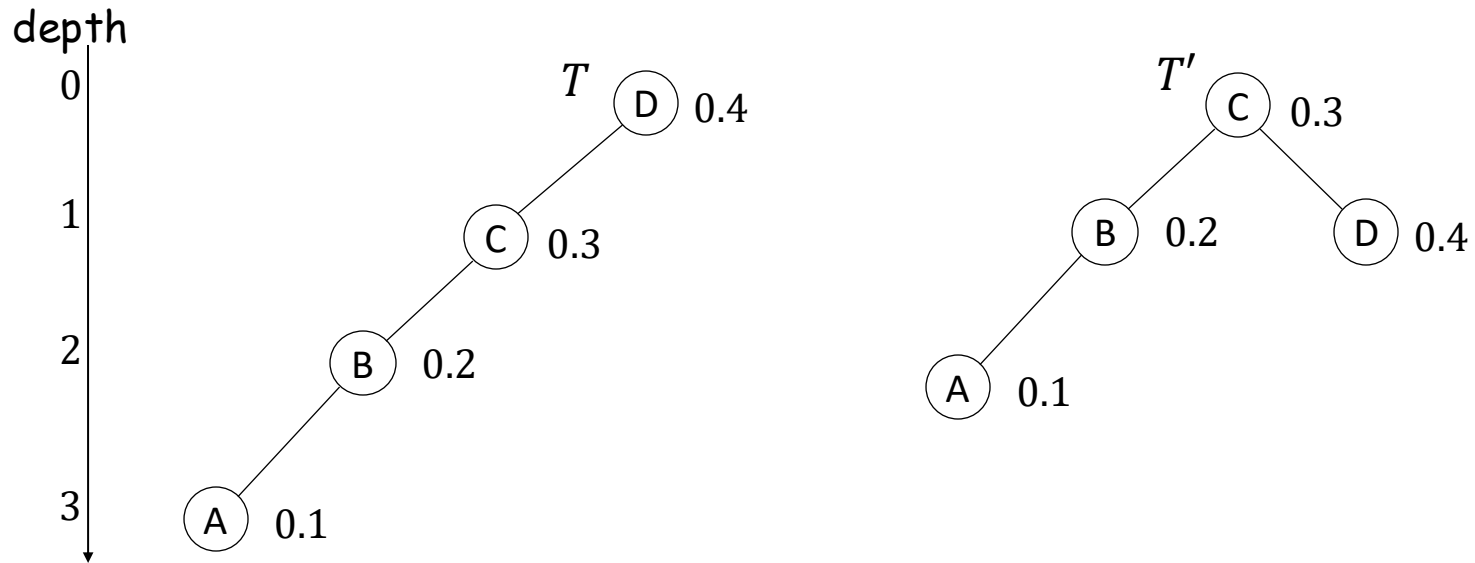
Note: Similar to the Binary Merge Tree problem but with 2 key differences:

- 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 $B(T_{i,j}) = \sum_{t=i}^j f(a_t)(d(a_t) + 1)$

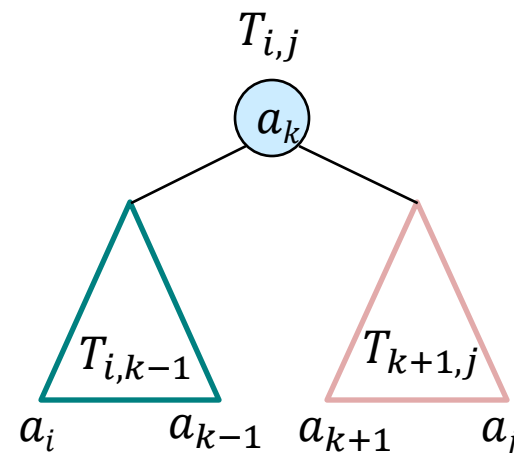
Let $w[i,j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

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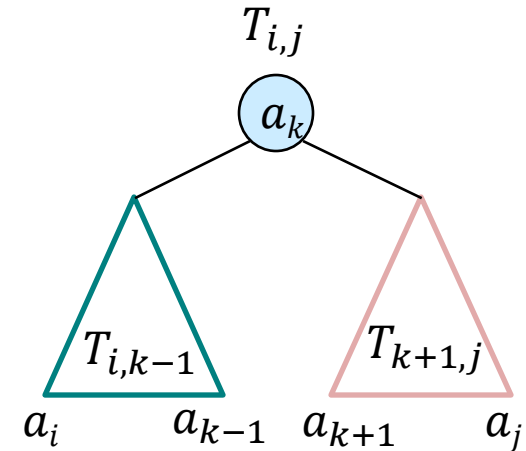
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The cost of $T_{i,j}$ is

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



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.

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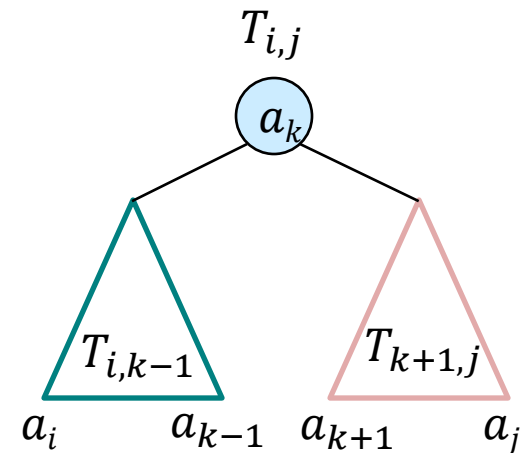
Let $w[i, j] = f(a_i) + \dots + f(a_j)$

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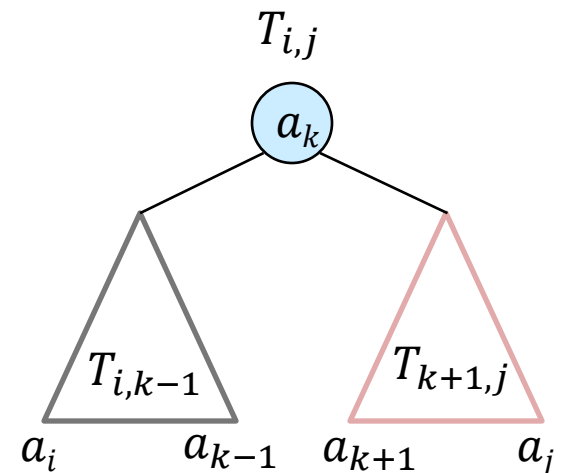
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$$e[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k \leq j} \{e[i, k-1] + e[k+1, j] + w[i, j]\}$$

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

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

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  $e[1..n, 1..n], w[1..n, 1..n], root[1..n, 1..n]$  be new arrays of all 0
for  $i = 1$  to  $n$                                      computation of  $w[i, j]$ 
     $w[i, i] \leftarrow f(a_i)$ 
    for  $j = i + 1$  to  $n$ 
         $w[i, j] \leftarrow w[i, j - 1] + f(a_j)$ 
for  $l \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$                                 length of  $[i, j]$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - l + 1$                     First node
         $j \leftarrow i + l - 1$                         Last node
         $e[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$ 
        for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j$                         Root  $k$  that
             $t \leftarrow e[i, k - 1] + e[k + 1, j] + w[i, j]$  minimizes
            if  $t < e[i, j]$  then  $e[i, k - 1] + e[k + 1, j] + w[i, j]$ 
                 $e[i, j] \leftarrow t$ 
                 $root[i, j] \leftarrow k$ 
return Construct-BST( $root, 1, n$ )
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Running time: $O(n^3)$

Space: $O(n^2)$

Construct the Optimal BST

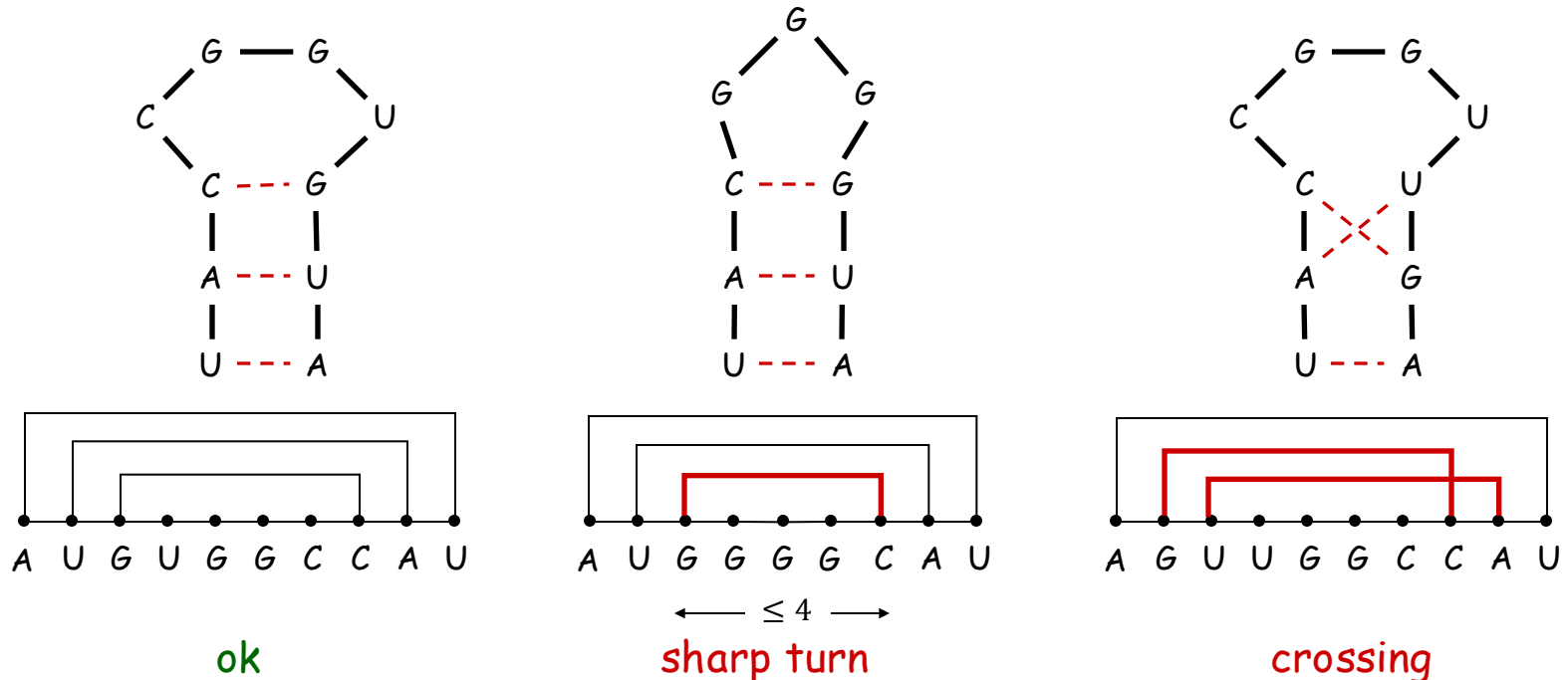
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Construct-BST(root, i, j) :  
if  $i > j$  then return nil  
create a node z  
 $z.key \leftarrow a[root[i, j]]$   
 $z.left \leftarrow \text{Construct-BST}(root, i, root[i, j] - 1)$   
 $z.right \leftarrow \text{Construct-BST}(root, root[i, j] + 1,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

RNA Secondary Structure

Secondary structure. A set of pairs $S = \{(b_i, b_j)\}$ that satisfy:

- [Watson-Crick.] S is a matching and each pair in S is a Watson-Crick complement: A-U, U-A, C-G, or G-C.
- [No sharp turns.] The ends of each pair are separated by at least 4 intervening bases: If $(b_i, b_j) \in S$, then $i < j - 4$.
- [Non-crossing.] If (b_i, b_j) and (b_k, b_l) are two pairs in S , then we cannot have $i < k < j < l$.



The Problem

Free energy. Usual hypothesis is that an RNA molecule will form the secondary structure with the optimum total free energy, which is proportional to the number of base pairs.

Goal. Given an RNA molecule $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$, find a secondary structure S that maximizes the number of base pairs.

That is, find the maximum number of base pairs that can be matched satisfying the no sharp turns and no crossing constraints

The Recurrence

Def. $M[i, j]$ = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring $b_i b_{i+1} \dots b_j$.

Recurrence.

- Case 1. If $i \geq j - 4$.
 - $M[i, j] = 0$ by no-sharp turns condition.
- Case 2. $i < j - 4$
 - Case 2a: Base b_j is not matched in optimal solution for $[i, j]$
 - $M[i, j] = M[i, j - 1]$
 - Case 2b: Base b_j pairs with b_k for some $i \leq k \leq j - 5$.
 - Try matching b_j to all possible b_k .
 - non-crossing constraint decouples problem into sub-problems
 - $M[i, j] = 1 + \max_k \{M[i, k - 1] + M[k + 1, j - 1]\}$

Take max over k such that $i \leq k \leq j - 5$ and b_k and b_j are Watson-Crick complements

The Algorithm

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let  $M[1..n, 1..n], s[1..n, 1..n]$  be new arrays of all 0
for  $l \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - l + 1$ 
     $j \leftarrow i + l - 1$ 
     $M[i, j] \leftarrow M[i, j - 1]$ 
    for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j - 5$ 
      if  $b_k$  and  $b_j$  are not complements then continue
       $t \leftarrow 1 + M[i, k - 1] + M[k + 1, j - 1]$ 
      if  $t > M[i, j]$  then
         $M[i, j] \leftarrow t$ 
         $s[i, j] \leftarrow k$ 
Construct-RNA( $s, 1, n$ )
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Running time: $O(n^3)$

Space: $O(n^2)$

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Construct-RNA( $s, i, j$ ) :
if  $i \geq j - 4$  then return
if  $s[i, j] = 0$  then Construct-RNA( $s, i, j - 1$ )
print  $s[i, j], "-"$ ,  $j$ 
Construct-RNA( $s, i, s[i, j] - 1$ )
Construct-RNA( $s, s[i, j] + 1, j - 1$ )
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