

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

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Suppose we have a sequence or chain  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  of  $n$  matrices to be multiplied

That is, we want to compute the product  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdots A_n$

There are many possible ways (parenthesizations) to compute the product

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**Example:** Consider the chain  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  of 4 matrices

Let us compute the product

$$A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot A_3 \cdot A_4$$

There are 5 possible ways:

$$(A_1 \cdot (A_2 \cdot (A_3 \cdot A_4)))$$

$$(A_1 \cdot ((A_2 \cdot A_3) \cdot A_4))$$

$$((A_1 \cdot A_2) \cdot (A_3 \cdot A_4))$$

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To compute the number of scalar multiplications necessary, we must know:

- Algorithm to multiply two matrices
- Matrix dimensions

# Algorithm to Multiply 2 Matrices

**Input:** Matrices  $A_{p \times q}$  and  $B_{q \times r}$  (with dimensions  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$ )

**Result:** Matrix  $C_{p \times r}$  resulting from the product  $A \cdot B$

**MATRIX-MULTIPLY**( $A_{p \times q}$ ,  $B_{q \times r}$ )

1. **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $p$
2.       **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $r$
3.              $C[i, j] \leftarrow 0$
4.             **for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $q$
5.                  $C[i, j] \leftarrow C[i, j] + A[i, k] \cdot B[k, j]$
6. **return**  $C$

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**Example:** Consider three matrices

$$A_{10 \times 100}, B_{100 \times 5}, \text{ and } C_{5 \times 50}$$

There are 2 ways to parenthesize

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

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} AB \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5,000 \text{ scalar multiplications} \\ DC \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2,500 \text{ scalar multiplications} \end{array} \right\} \text{Total: } 7,500$$

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

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} BC \Rightarrow 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25,000 \text{ scalar multiplications} \\ AE \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50,000 \text{ scalar multiplications} \end{array} \right\} \text{Total: } 75,000$$

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Given a chain  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  of  $n$  matrices, where for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , matrix  $A_i$  has dimension  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$

Parenthesize the product  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  such that the total number of **scalar multiplications is minimized**

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

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

$m[i, i] \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $l \leftarrow 2$  **to**  $n$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n-l+1$

$j \leftarrow i+l-1$

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

**for**  $k \leftarrow i$  **to**  $j-1$

$q \leftarrow m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p[i-1] p[k] p[j]$

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

$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

$s[i, j] \leftarrow k$

**return**  $m$  and  $s$



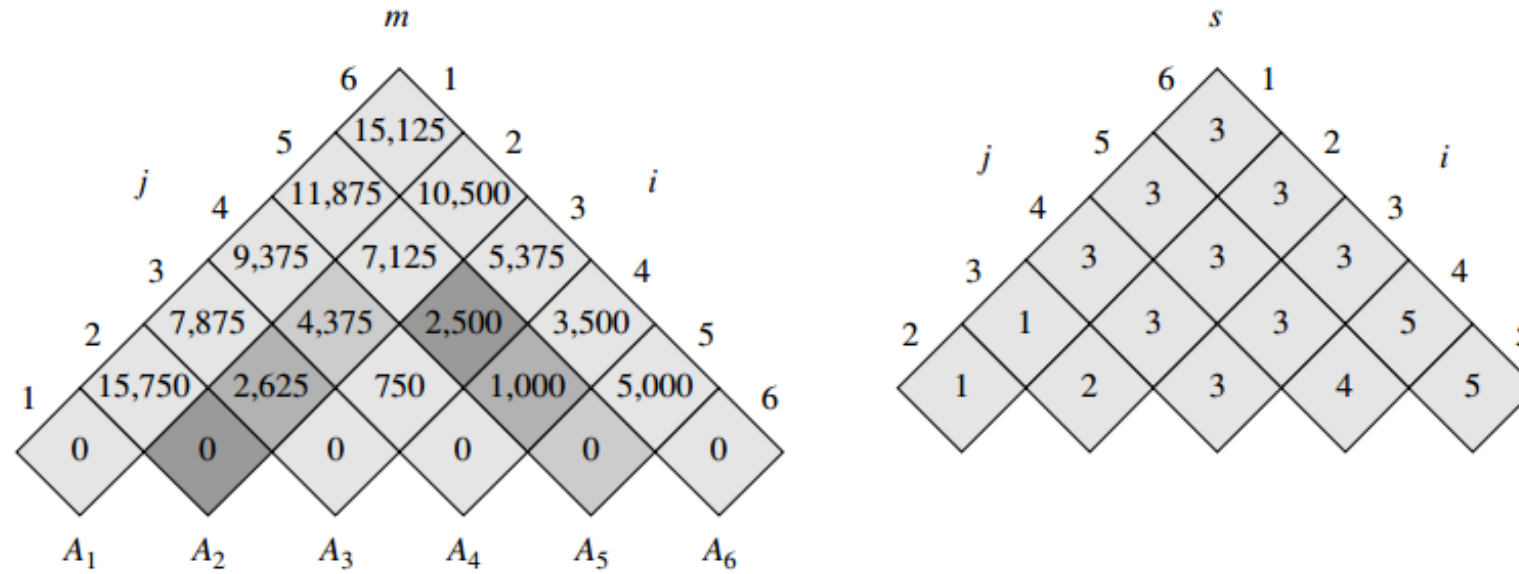
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- Our algorithm computes the minimum-cost table  $m$  and the split table  $s$
- The optimal solution can be constructed from the split table  $s$
- Each entry  $s[i, j] = k$  shows where to split the product  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$  for the minimum cost

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Matrix	Dimension
$A_1$	$30 \times 35$
$A_2$	$35 \times 15$
$A_3$	$15 \times 5$
$A_4$	$5 \times 10$
$A_5$	$10 \times 20$
$A_6$	$20 \times 25$

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**Figure 15.3** The  $m$  and  $s$  tables computed by MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER for  $n = 6$  and the following matrix dimensions:

matrix	dimension
$A_1$	$30 \times 35$
$A_2$	$35 \times 15$
$A_3$	$15 \times 5$
$A_4$	$5 \times 10$
$A_5$	$10 \times 20$
$A_6$	$20 \times 25$

# Thank you