

Enumeration Approach

Matrix Chain-Product Alg.:

- Try all possible ways to parenthesize A=A₀*A₁*...*A_{n-1}
- Calculate number of ops for each one
- Pick the one that is best

Running time:

- The number of parenthesizations is equal to the number of binary trees with n nodes
- This is exponential!
- It is called the Catalan number, and it is almost 4ⁿ.
- This is a terrible algorithm!

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Greedy Approach



- ◆ Idea #1: repeatedly select the product that uses (up) the most operations.
- Counter-example:
 - A is 10 × 5
 - B is 5 × 10
 - C is 10 × 5
 - D is 5 × 10
 - Greedy idea #1 gives (A*B)*(C*D), which takes500+1000+500 = 2000 ops
 - A*((B*C)*D) takes 500+250+250 = 1000 ops

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Another Greedy Approach



- Idea #2: repeatedly select the product that uses the fewest operations.
- Counter-example:
 - A is 101 × 11
 - B is 11 × 9
 - C is 9 × 100
 - D is 100 × 99
 - Greedy idea #2 gives A*((B*C)*D)), which takes 109989+9900+108900=228789 ops
 - (A*B)*(C*D) takes 9999+89991+89100=189090 ops
- The greedy approach is not giving us the optimal value.

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"Recursive" Approach



- Define subproblems:
 - Find the best parenthesization of $A_i * A_{i+1} * ... * A_i$.
 - Let N_{i,j} denote the number of operations done by this subproblem.
 - The optimal solution for the whole problem is N_{0,n-1}.
- Subproblem optimality: The optimal solution can be defined in terms of optimal subproblems
 - There has to be a final multiplication (root of the expression tree) for the optimal solution.
 - Say, the final multiply is at index i: $(A_0*...*A_i)*(A_{i+1}*...*A_{n-1})$.
 - Then the optimal solution N_{0,n-1} is the sum of two optimal subproblems, N_{0,i} and N_{i+1,n-1} plus the time for the last multiply.
 - If the global optimum did not have these optimal subproblems, we could define an even better "optimal" solution.

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Characterizing Equation



- The global optimal has to be defined in terms of optimal subproblems, depending on where the final multiply is at.
- Let us consider all possible places for that final multiply:
 - Recall that A_i is a d_i × d_{i+1} dimensional matrix.
 - So, a characterizing equation for N_{i,i} is the following:

$$N_{i,j} = \min_{i \le k < j} \{ N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1} \}$$

Note that subproblems are not independent—the subproblems overlap.

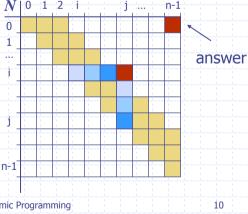
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Dynamic Programming Algorithm Visualization



- The bottom-up construction fills in the N array by diagonals
- N_{i,i} gets values from previous entries in i-th row and j-th column
- Filling in each entry in the N table takes O(n) time.
- Total run time: O(n³)
- Getting actual parenthesization can be done by remembering "k" for each N entry

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- Since subproblems overlap, we don't use recursion.
- Instead, we construct optimal subproblems "bottom-up."
- N_{i,i}'s are easy, so start with them
- Then do problems of "length" 2,3,... subproblems, and so on.
- Running time: O(n³)

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Algorithm matrixChain(S):
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Input: sequence S of n matrices to be multiplied **Output:** number of operations in an optimal

parenthesization of S

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n - 1 do $N_{i,i} \leftarrow 0$

for $b \leftarrow 1$ to n-1 do

 $\{b = j - i \text{ is the length of the problem }\}$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to n - b - 1 do

 $j \leftarrow i + b$

 $N_{i,i} \leftarrow +\infty$

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

 $N_{i,j} \leftarrow \min\{N_{i,j}, N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\}$

return $N_{0,n-1}$

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The General Dynamic Programming Technique



- Applies to a problem that at first seems to require a lot of time (possibly exponential), provided we have:
 - Simple subproblems: the subproblems can be defined in terms of a few variables, such as j, k, l, m, and so on.
 - Subproblem optimality: the global optimum value can be defined in terms of optimal subproblems
 - Subproblem overlap: the subproblems are not independent, but instead they overlap (hence, should be constructed bottom-up).

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The 0/1 Knapsack Problem

- Given: A set S of n items, with each item i having
 - w, a positive weight
 - b_i a positive benefit
- Goal: Choose items with maximum total benefit but with weight at most W.
- ◆ If we are not allowed to take fractional amounts, then this is the 0/1 knapsack problem.
 - In this case, we let T denote the set of items we take
 - Objective: maximize $\sum_{i \in T} b_i$
 - Constraint: $\sum_{i \in T} w_i \leq W$

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Example

- Given: A set S of n items, with each item i having
 - b_i a positive "benefit"
 - w_i a positive "weight"
- Goal: Choose items with maximum total benefit but with weight at most W.

Items:



 Weight:
 4 in
 2 in
 2 in
 6 in
 2 in

 Benefit:
 \$20
 \$3
 \$6
 \$25
 \$80

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"knapsack"

box of width 9 in

Solution:

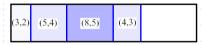
- item 5 (\$80, 2 in)
- item 3 (\$6, 2in)
- item 1 (\$20, 4in)

A 0/1 Knapsack Algorithm, First Attempt

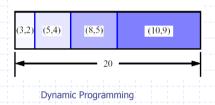


- ♦ S_k: Set of items numbered 1 to k.
- Define B[k] = best selection from S_k .
- Problem: does not have subproblem optimality:
 - Consider set S={(3,2),(5,4),(8,5),(4,3),(10,9)} of (benefit, weight) pairs and total weight W = 20

Best for S_4 :



Best for S₅:



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A 0/1 Knapsack Algorithm, Second Attempt



- ◆ S_k: Set of items numbered 1 to k.
- Define B[k,w] to be the best selection from S_k with weight at most w
- Good news: this does have subproblem optimality.

$$B[k, w] = \begin{cases} B[k-1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{B[k-1, w], B[k-1, w-w_k] + b_k\} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- I.e., the best subset of S_k with weight at most w is either
 - the best subset of S_{k-1} with weight at most w or
 - the best subset of S_{k-1} with weight at most w-w_k plus item k

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