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Implementation of matrix-chain multiplication
algorithm with experiments on analysis and efficiency

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Aim

Given the dimension of a sequence of matrices in an array $arr[]$, where the dimension of the i th matrix is $(arr[i-1] * arr[i])$.

the task is to find the most efficient way to multiply these matrices together such that the total number of element multiplications is minimum.

When two matrices of size $m*n$ and $n*p$ when multiplied, they generate a matrix of size $m*p$ and the number of multiplications performed are $m*n*p$.

Algorithm

Matrix-Chain Multiplication (Dynamic Programming Approach)

1. Initialization:

Let the chain of matrices be A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n

Define a table m where $m[i][j]$ represents the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed to multiply matrices A_i to A_j

Let S be the table to store the index k at which the optimal split occurs.

2. **Compute Cost:**

For each chain length l from 2 to n :

For each starting index i from 1 to $n-l+1$:

Set the ending index $j=i+l-1$.

Initialize $m[i][j]$ to infinity.

For each possible split point k from i to $j-1$:

Compute the cost of multiplying matrices A_i to A_k and A_{k+1} to A_j , plus the cost of multiplying the two resulting matrices.

Update $m[i][j]$ if a lower cost is found.

Store the split point in $s[i][j]$.

3. **Parenthesization:**

Use the table s to determine the optimal parenthesization of the matrices.

4. **Output:**

The minimum number of scalar multiplications is stored in $m[1][n]$.

The optimal parenthesization is obtained using the s table.

Example

Matrix-chain multiplication problem Example

- Given: $n = 3$, A_1 (10x100), A_2 : (100x5), A_3 : (5x50)

i.e. Given $n=3$, and $p_0 = 10$, $p_1 = 100$, $p_2 = 5$, $p_3 = 50$

- To compute: $A_1 A_2 A_3$
- Option 1: $(A_1 A_2) A_3$
- Option 2: $A_1 (A_2 A_3)$
- Would the result be the same?

Matrix-chain multiplication problem Example

- Given: $n = 3$, A_1 (10x100), A_2 : (100x5), A_3 : (5x50) $p_0 = 10, p_1 = 100, p_2 = 5, p_3 = 50$
- To compute: $A_1 A_2 A_3$
- Option 1: $(A_1 A_2) A_3$
 - Total multiplications = $(A_1 A_2) + A + (A_1 A_2) A_3$
 - $(A_1 A_2)$: multiplications = $10 \times 100 \times 5 = 5000$
 - 10×5 resulting matrix
 - $(A_1 A_2) A_3$: multiplications = $10 \times 5 \times 50 = 2500$
 $= 5000 + 0 + 2500 = 7,500$
- Option 2: $A_1 (A_2 A_3)$
 - $(A_2 A_3)$: multiplications = $100 \times 5 \times 50 = 25,000$
 - $(A_2 A_3)$: 100×50 resulting matrix
 - $A_1 (A_2 A_3)$: multiplications = $10 \times 100 \times 50 = 50,000$
 - Total multiplications = $25,000 + 50,000 = 75,000$
- Hence Option 1 is 10 times faster than Option 2!

MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER(p)

```
1   $n \leftarrow \text{length}[p] - 1$ 
2  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
3      do  $m[i, i] \leftarrow 0$ 
4  for  $l \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$      $\triangleright l$  is the chain length.
5      do for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - l + 1$ 
6          do  $j \leftarrow i + l - 1$ 
7               $m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$ 
8              for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j - 1$ 
9                  do  $q \leftarrow m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$ 
10                     if  $q < m[i, j]$ 
11                         then  $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$ 
12                              $s[i, j] \leftarrow k$ 
13 return  $m$  and  $s$ 
```

PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS(s, i, j)

```
1  if  $i = j$ 
2      then print " $A$ " $i$ 
3      else print "("
4          PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS( $s, i, s[i, j]$ )
5          PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS( $s, s[i, j] + 1, j$ )
6      print ")"
```

C++ Implementation

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <limits.h>
```

```
#include <vector>
```

```
#include <chrono>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
// Function to print optimal parenthesization
```

```
void printOptimalParens(vector<vector<int>>& s, int i, int j) {
```

```
    if (i == j)
```

```
        cout << "A" << i;
```

```
    else {
```

```
        cout << "(";
```

```
        printOptimalParens(s, i, s[i][j]);
```

```
        printOptimalParens(s, s[i][j] + 1, j);
```

```
        cout << ")";
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
// Matrix Chain Multiplication using Dynamic Programming
```

```
int matrixChainOrder(vector<int>& p, int n) {
```

```
    vector<vector<int>> m(n, vector<int>(n, 0));
```

```
    vector<vector<int>> s(n, vector<int>(n, 0));
```

```
    for (int l = 2; l < n; l++) { // l is the chain length
```

```
        for (int i = 1; i < n - l + 1; i++) {
```

```
            int j = i + l - 1;
```

```
            m[i][j] = INT_MAX;
```

```
            for (int k = i; k < j; k++) {
```

```
                int q = m[i][k] + m[k + 1][j] + p[i - 1] * p[k] * p[j];
```

```
                if (q < m[i][j]) {
```

```
                    m[i][j] = q;
```

```
                    s[i][j] = k;
```

```
                }
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
    cout << "Optimal Parenthesization: ";
```

```
    printOptimalParens(s, 1, n - 1);
```

```
    cout << "\nMinimum number of multiplications is " << m[1][n - 1] << endl;
```

```
    return m[1][n - 1];
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    vector<int> p = {40, 20, 30, 10, 30};
```

```
    int n = p.size();
```

```

auto start = chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();

int minMultiplications = matrixChainOrder(p, n);

auto end = chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();

auto duration = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::microseconds>(end - start);
cout << "Time taken by function: " << duration.count() << " microseconds" << endl;
return 0;
}

```

Input

Array P = {40, 20, 30, 10, 30};

Size N = 5

Output

Optimal Parenthesization: ((A1(A2A3))A4)

Minimum number of multiplications is 26000

Time taken by function: 65 microseconds

Random Sampling

```

vector<int> sizes = {1,5, 10,50, 100,500, 1000, 2000}; // Different sizes of input
vector<long long> times;

for (int n : sizes) {
    // Generate random matrix dimensions
    vector<int> p(n + 1);
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; ++i) {
        p[i] = rand() % 100 + 1; // Random dimensions between 1 and 100
    }
}

```

```

auto start = chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();

int minMultiplications = matrixChainOrder(p, n + 1); // n+1 as p has n+1 elements

auto end = chrono::high_resolution_clock::now();

auto duration = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::microseconds>(end - start);

times.push_back(duration.count());

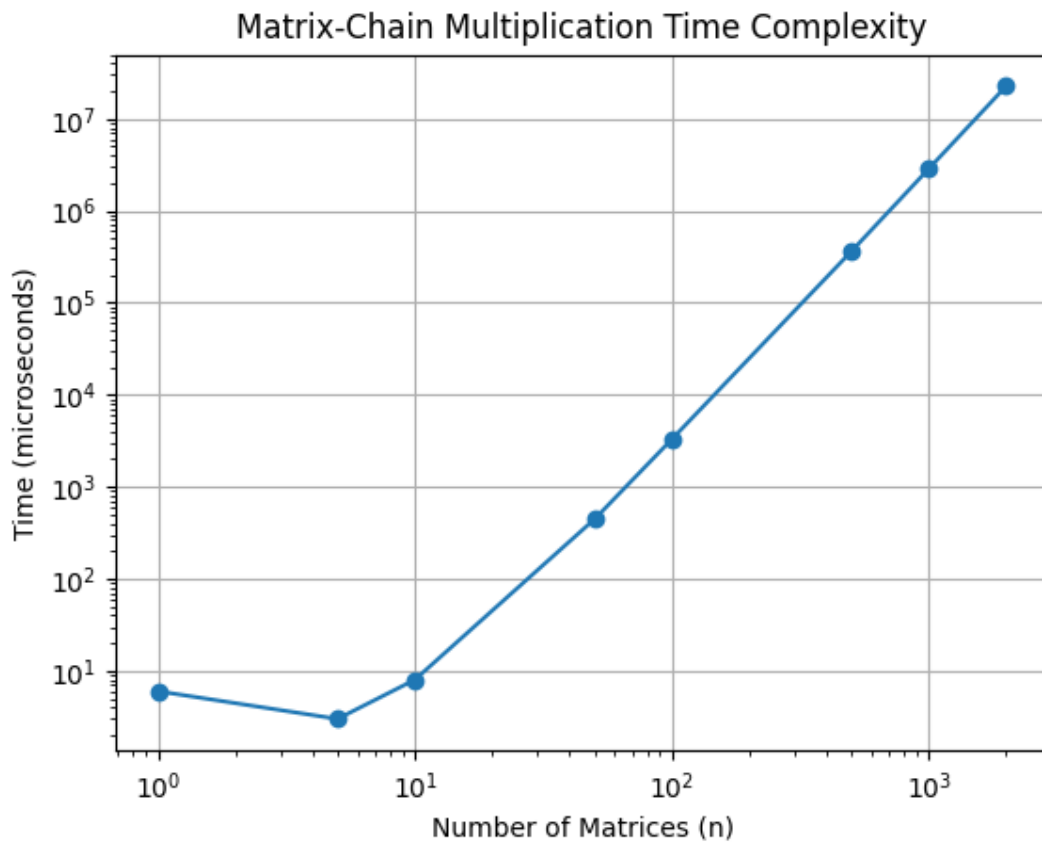
cout << "Input size: " << n << " -> Time: " << duration.count() << " microseconds" << endl;
}

```

Time Complexity Analysis

Input	Time (Microseconds)
1	6
5	3
10	8
50	445
100	3291
500	363912
1000	2870975
2000	22679698

Graph between varying size of inputs and time



Complexity Analysis:

- **Time Complexity:** The time complexity of the matrix-chain multiplication algorithm is $O(n^3)$, which explains the exponential increase in execution time as observed in the plot.
- **Space Complexity:** The space complexity is $O(n^2)$, reflecting the storage required for the dynamic programming tables used in the computation.