

The *matrix-chain multiplication problem* can be stated as follows: given a chain  $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$  of matrices, where for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , matrix  $A_i$  has dimension  $p_{i-1} * p_i$ , fully parenthesize the product  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  in a way that minimizes the number of scalar multiplications. Suppose you have 6 matrices:  $A_1$  has dimension  $30 \times 35$ ,  $A_2$  has dimension  $35 \times 15$ ,  $A_3$  has dimension  $15 \times 5$ ,  $A_4$  has dimension  $5 \times 10$ ,  $A_5$  has dimension  $10 \times 20$ ,  $A_6$  has dimension  $20 \times 30$ . Please calculate the minimum number of scalar multiplications.

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Ans.

$$P_0 = 30$$

$$P_1 = 35$$

$$P_2 = 15$$

$$P_3 = 5$$

$$P_4 = 10$$

$$P_5 = 20$$

$$P_6 = 30$$

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$$0, 15750 \quad \begin{array}{r} 1875 \\ 1875 \\ 1875 \\ 1875 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 9375 \\ 9375 \\ 9375 \\ 9375 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 11875 \\ 11875 \\ 11875 \\ 11875 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 16375 \\ 16375 \\ 16375 \\ 16375 \end{array}$$

$$0, 2625 \quad \begin{array}{r} 4375 \\ 4375 \\ 4375 \\ 4375 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 7125 \\ 7125 \\ 7125 \\ 7125 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 11875 \\ 11875 \\ 11875 \\ 11875 \end{array}$$

$$0, 1750 \quad 2500 \quad 6250$$

$$0, 1000 \quad 4000$$

$$0, 6000$$

$$0,$$

$$30 \times 35 \times 15 = 15750 \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 450 \\ 1750 \\ 140 \\ 15750 \end{array}$$

$$35 \times 15 \times 5 = 2625 \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 45 \\ 175 \\ 140 \\ 1575 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 45 \\ 175 \\ 140 \\ 1575 \end{array}$$

$$m[1.3] = 6825 \quad \begin{array}{r} 2625 \\ 1575 \\ 6825 \end{array}$$

$$\checkmark m[1.1] + m[2.3] + 30 \times 5 \times 35 = 6825$$

$$m[1.2] + m[3.3] + \dots \times 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1175 \\ 30 \\ 5250 \\ 1575 \\ 6825 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 5250 \\ 12625 \\ 17875 \end{array}$$

$$m[2.4] = 3325 \quad \begin{array}{r} 1750 \\ 1575 \\ 3325 \end{array}$$

$$m[2.2] + m[3.4] + 15 \times 35 \times 10$$

$$\checkmark m[2.3] + m[4.4] + 5 \times \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11750 \\ 2625 \\ 4375 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 5 \\ 11750 \\ 1575 \\ 3325 \end{array}$$

$$m[3.5] = 2500 \quad \begin{array}{r} 1500 \\ 1000 \\ 2500 \end{array}$$

$$\checkmark m[3.3] + m[4.5] + 5 \times 15 \times 20$$

$$m[4.6] = 4000 \quad \begin{array}{r} 6000 \\ 1000 \\ 4000 \end{array}$$

$$\checkmark m[4.4] + m[5.6] + 10 \times 5 \times 30$$

$$m[1.4] = 9375 \quad \begin{array}{r} 1875 \\ 1500 \\ 9375 \end{array}$$

$$m[1.1] + m[2.4] + 35 \times 30 \times 10$$

$$m[1.2] + m[3.4] + 15 \times \dots$$

$$\checkmark m[1.3] + m[4.4] + 5 \times \dots$$

$$m[2.5]$$

$$m[2.2] + m[3.5] + 15 \times 35 \times 20$$

$$\checkmark m[2.3] + m[4.5] + 5 \times \dots$$

$$m[2.4] + m[5.5] + 10 \times \dots$$

$$m[3.6]$$

$$\checkmark m[3.3] + m[4.6] + 5 \times 15 \times 30 = 6250$$

$$m[3.4] + m[5.6] + 10 \times \dots$$

$$m[3.5] + m[6.6] + 20 \times \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3500 \\ 3625 \\ 7125 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3500 \\ 2575 \\ 6075 \end{array}$$

$$m[1.5] = \frac{11875}{10825}$$

$$m[1.1] + m[2.5] + 35 \times 600$$

$$m[1.2] + m[3.5] + 15 \quad "$$

$$\checkmark m[1.3] + m[4.5] + 5 \quad "$$

$$m[1.4] + m[5.5] + 10 \quad "$$

$$m[2.6] = \frac{11875}{10825}$$

$$m[2.2] + m[3.6] + 15 \times 35 \times 30$$

$$\checkmark m[2.3] + m[4.6] + 5 \times \quad " = 6625 + 5280 = 11875$$

$$m[2.4] + m[5.6] + 10 \times \quad "$$

$$m[2.5] + m[6.6] + 20 \times \quad "$$

$$m[1.6] = \frac{16375}{10825}$$

$$m[1.1] + m[2.6] + 35 \times 900$$

$$m[1.2] + m[3.6] + 15 \quad "$$

$$\checkmark m[1.3] + m[4.6] + 5 \quad "$$

$$m[1.4] + m[5.6] + 10 \quad "$$

$$m[1.5] + m[6.6] + 20 \quad "$$

$$= 4000 + 1875 = 10825$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6625 \\ + 5280 \\ \hline 11875 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5575 \\ + 5280 \\ \hline 10825 \end{array}$$

$$6625 + 5280 = 11875$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10825 \\ + 4500 \\ \hline 15325 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11875 \\ + 4500 \\ \hline 16375 \end{array}$$