

Dynamic Programming: MCM

CSE 301: Combinatorial Optimization

Matrix-chain Multiplication

- **Input:** a sequence (chain) $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$ of n matrices
- **Aim:** compute the product $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$
- A product of matrices is fully parenthesized if
 - It is either a single matrix
 - Or, the product of two fully parenthesized matrix products surrounded by a pair of parentheses.

$$\triangleright (A_i (A_{i+1} A_{i+2} \dots A_j))$$

$$\triangleright ((A_i A_{i+1} A_{i+2} \dots A_{j-1}) A_j)$$

$$\triangleright ((A_i A_{i+1} A_{i+2} \dots A_k) (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_j)) \quad \text{for } i \leq k < j$$

- All parenthesizations yield the same product; matrix product is associative

Matrix-chain Multiplication

- Input: $\langle A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 \rangle$
- 5 distinct ways of full parenthesization

$$(A_1(A_2(A_3A_4)))$$

$$(A_1((A_2A_3)A_4))$$

$$((A_1A_2)(A_3A_4))$$

$$((A_1(A_2A_3))A_4)$$

$$(((A_1A_2)A_3)A_4)$$

- The way we parenthesize a chain of matrices can have a dramatic effect on the cost of computing the product

Matrix-chain Multiplication

Cost of Multiplying two Matrices

Matrix has two attributes

- `rows[A]`: # of rows
- `cols[A]`: # of columns

of scalar mult-adds in
 $C \leftarrow AB$ is

$$\text{rows}[A] \times \text{cols}[B] \times \text{cols}[A]$$

$$A: (p \times q) \\ B: (q \times r) \\ C = A \cdot B \text{ is } p \times r.$$

$$\# \text{ of mult-adds is } p \times r \times q$$

MATRIX-MULTIPLY(A, B)

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if cols[A] ≠ rows[B] then
    error("incompatible dimensions")
for i ← 1 to rows[A] do
    for j ← 1 to cols[B] do
        C[i,j] ← 0
        for k ← 1 to cols[A] do
            C[i,j] ← C[i,j] + A[i,k] · B[k,j]
return C
```

Matrix-chain Multiplication

Input: a chain $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$ of n matrices, A_i is a $p_{i-1} \times p_i$ matrix

Aim: fully parenthesize the product $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$ such that the number of scalar mult-adds are minimized.

- Ex.: $\langle A_1, A_2, A_3 \rangle$ where $A_1: 10 \times 100$; $A_2: 100 \times 5$; $A_3: 5 \times 50$

$$((\underbrace{A_1 A_2}_{10 \times 5} \underbrace{A_3}_{5 \times 50}) : \underbrace{10 \times 100 \times 5}_{A_1 A_2}) + \underbrace{10 \times 5 \times 50}_{(A_1 A_2) A_3} = 7500$$

$$(\underbrace{A_1}_{10 \times 100} (\underbrace{A_2 A_3}_{100 \times 50})) : \underbrace{100 \times 5 \times 50}_{A_2 A_3} + \underbrace{10 \times 100 \times 50}_{A_1 (A_2 A_3)} = 75000$$

\Rightarrow First parenthesization yields 10 times faster computation.

Number of Parenthesizations

- Brute force approach: exhaustively check all parenthesizations
- $P(n)$: # of parenthesizations of a sequence of n matrices
- We can split sequence between k th and $(k+1)$ st matrices for any $k=1, 2, \dots, n-1$, then parenthesize the two resulting sequences independently, i.e.,

$$(A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_k) \downarrow (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$$

- We obtain the recurrence

$$P(1) = 1 \text{ and } P(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k)P(n-k)$$

Number of Parenthesizations

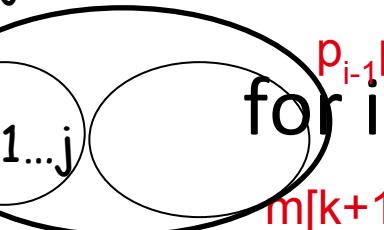
- The recurrence generates the sequence of [Catalan Numbers](#)
- Solution is $P(n) = C(n-1)$ where

$$C(n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \Omega(4^n/n^{3/2})$$

- The number of solutions is exponential in n
- Therefore, brute force approach is a poor strategy

Establishing the Recurrence

Consider the subproblem of parenthesizing

$$A_{i \dots j} = A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$$
$$= A_{i \dots k} A_{k+1 \dots j} \text{ for } i \leq k < j$$


Assume that the optimal parenthesization splits the

product $A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$ at k ($i \leq k < j$)

$$m[i, j] = \underbrace{m[i, k]}_{p_{i-1} p_k p_j} + \underbrace{m[k+1, j]}_{\text{min # of multiplications to compute } A_{k+1 \dots j}} + \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{# of multiplications to compute } A_{i \dots k} A_{k+1 \dots j}}$$

min # of scalar multiplications to compute $A_{i \dots k}$

min # of multiplications to compute $A_{k+1 \dots j}$

of multiplications to compute $A_{i \dots k} A_{k+1 \dots j}$

The Recurrence relation

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Recursive Matrix-chain

Recursive matrix-chain order

RMC(p, i, j)

if $i = j$ **then**
 return 0

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

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

$q \leftarrow \text{RMC}(p, i, k) + \text{RMC}(p, k+1, j) + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$

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

$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$

Running Time of Recursive Matrix-chain

$$T(1) \geq 1$$

$$T(n) \geq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T(k) + T(n-k) + 1) \text{ for } n > 1$$

- For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ each term $T(i)$ appears twice
 - Once as $T(k)$, and once as $T(n-k)$
- Collect $n-1$ 1's in the summation together with the front 1

$$T(n) \geq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) + n$$

- Prove via substitution that $T(n)$ is $\Omega(2^n)$

Running Time of Recursive Matrix-chain

- Try to show that $T(n) \geq 2^{n-1}$ (by induction)

Base case: $T(1) \geq 1 = 2^0 = 2^{1-1}$ for $n = 1$

IH: $T(i) \geq 2^{i-1}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ and $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2^{i-1} + n \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 2^i + n = 2(2^{n-1} - 1) + n \\ &= 2^{n-1} + (2^{n-1} - 2 + n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \geq 2^{n-1}$$

Q.E.D.

Elements of Dynamic Programming

When should we look for a DP solution to an optimization problem?

Two key ingredients for the problem

- Optimal substructure
- Overlapping subproblems

Elements of Dynamic Programming

Optimal Substructure

- A problem exhibits optimal substructure
 - if an optimal solution to a problem contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems
- Example: matrix-chain-multiplication

Optimal parenthesization of $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ that splits the product between A_k and A_{k+1} , contains within it optimal soln's to the problems of parenthesizing $A_1A_2\dots A_k$ and $A_{k+1}A_{k+2}\dots A_n$

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Elements of Dynamic Programming

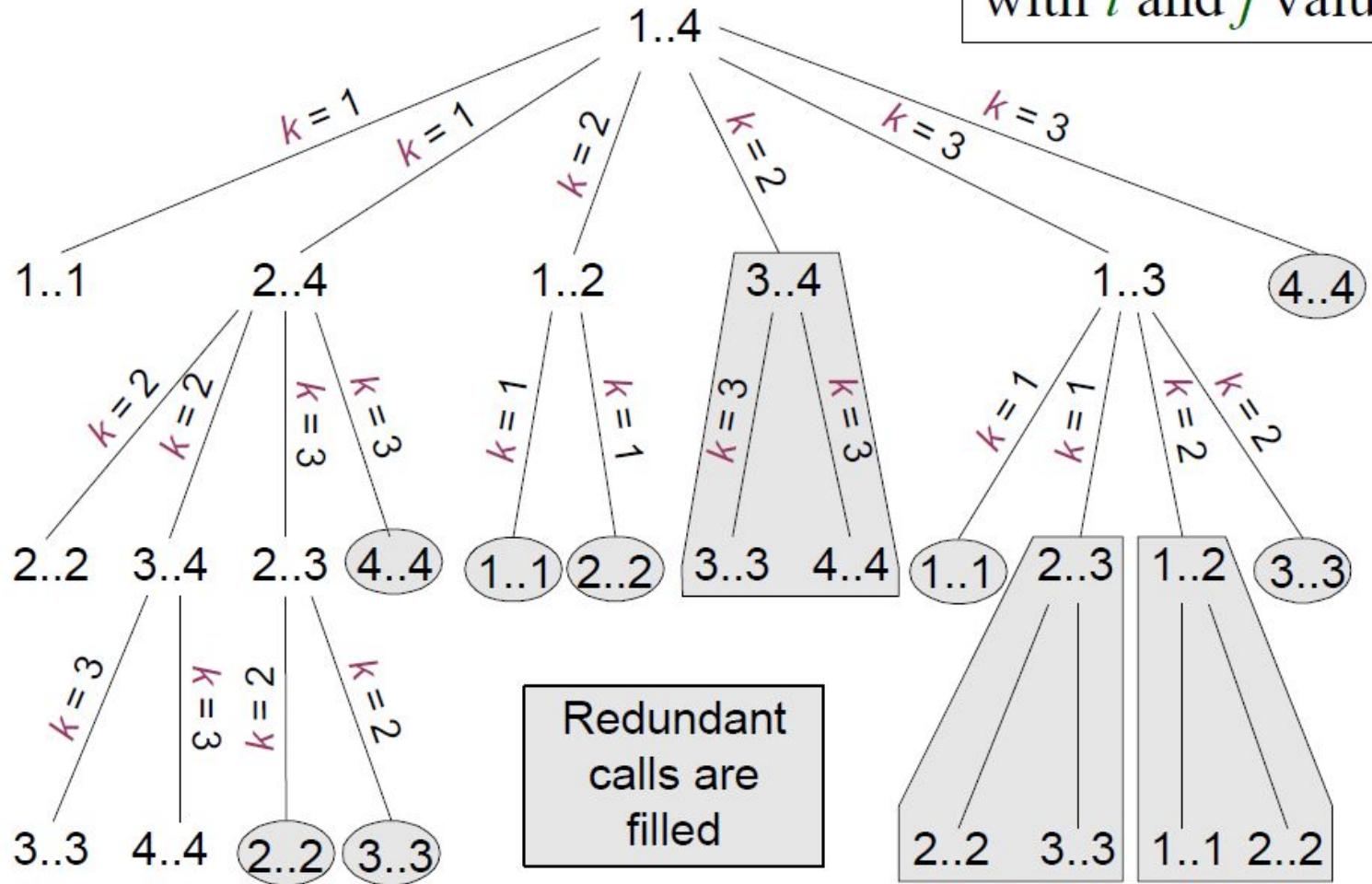
Overlapping Subproblems

- Total number of distinct subproblems should be **polynomial** in the input size
- When a **recursive** algorithm revisits the same problem **over and over again**
we say that the optimization problem has
overlapping subproblems

Overlapping Subproblems in RMC Execution

Recursion tree for $\text{RMC}(p, 1, 4)$

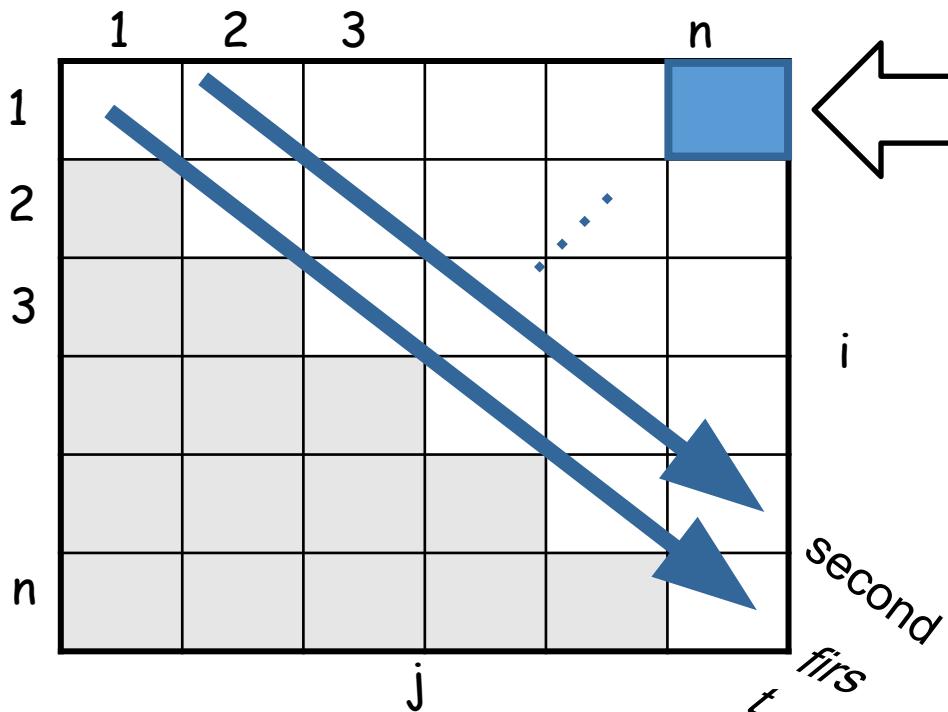
Nodes are labeled
with i and j values



Using Dynamic Programming

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

- Length = 1: $i = j, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Length = 2: $j = i + 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$



$m[1, n]$ gives the optimal solution to the problem

Compute rows from diagonal to top and from left to right
In a similar matrix s , we keep the optimal values of k

Matrix-Chain-Order

Alg.: MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER(p)

1. $n = p.length - 1$
2. let $m[1..n, 1..n]$ and $s[1..n-1, 2..n]$ be new tables
- 3. for** $i = 1$ **to** n
 4. $m[i, i] = 0$
- 5. for** $l = 2$ **to** n
 6. **for** $i = 1$ **to** $n - l + 1$
 7. $j = i + l - 1$
 8. $m[i, j] = \infty$
 9. **for** $k = i$ **to** $j - 1$
 0. $q = m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$
 1. **if** $q < m[i, j]$
 2. $m[i, j] = q$
 3. $s[i, j] = k$
- 4. return** m and s

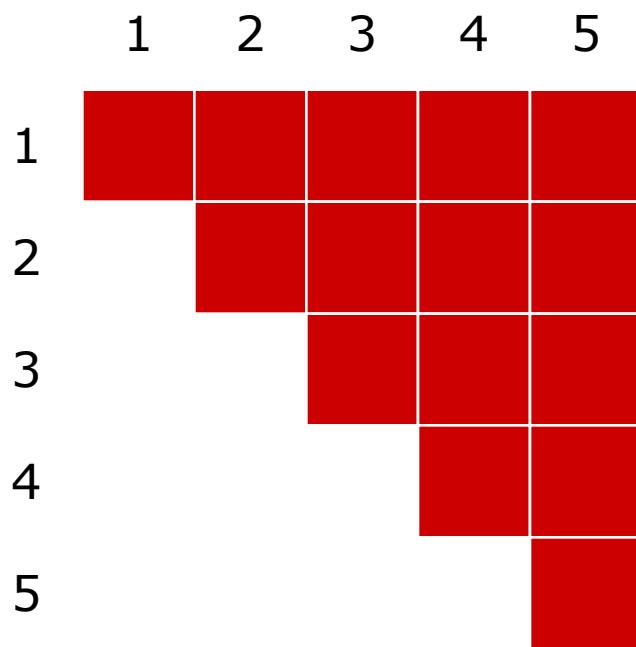
Analysis

- Our algorithm computes the minimum-cost table m and the split table s
- The optimal solution can be constructed from the split table s (shown later)
- Each entry $s[i, j] = k$ shows where to split the product $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ for the minimum cost
- There are 3 nested loops and each can iterate at most n times, so the total running time is $\Theta(n^3)$.

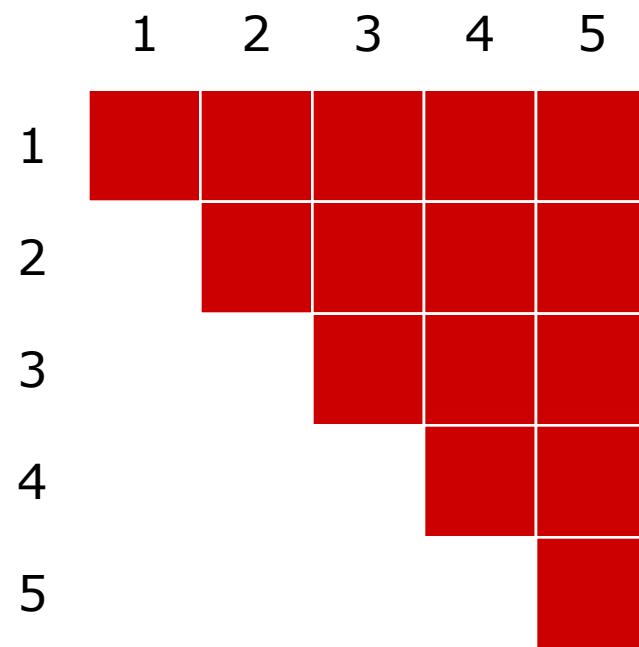
Example:

$$p = (10, 5, 1, 10, 2, 10)$$

$$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$$



$$m(i,j), i \leq j$$



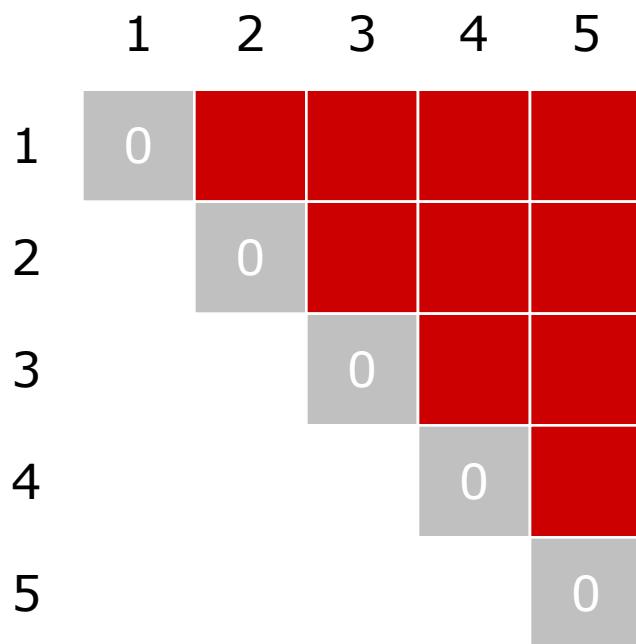
$$s(i,j), i \leq j$$

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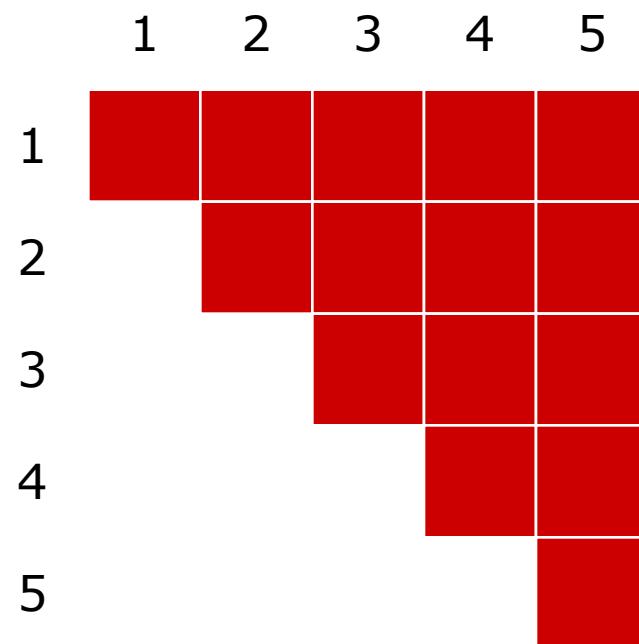
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$$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$$

$$m(i,i) = 0$$



$$m(i,j), i \leq j$$



$$s(i,j), i \leq j$$

Example:

$$p = (10, 5, 1, 10, 2, 10)$$

$$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$$

$$m(i,i+1) = p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+1} \text{ e.g., } m(2,3) = p_1 p_2 p_3 = 5 * 1 * 10 = 50,$$
$$m(1,2) = 10 * 5 * 1 = 50, m(3,4) = 1 * 10 * 2 = 20, \dots$$

$$s(i,i+1) = i$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50			
2	0	50			
3		0	20		
4			0	20	0
5				0	

$$m(i,j), i \leq j$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1			
2			2		
3				3	
4					4
5					

$$s(i,j), i \leq j$$

Example:

$$p = (10, 5, 1, 10, 2, 10)$$

$$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(i, i+2) &= \min\{m(i, i) + m(i+1, i+2) + p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+2}, \\ &\quad m(i, i+1) + m(i+2, i+2) + p_{i-1} p_{i+1} p_{i+2}\} \end{aligned}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50			
2		0	50		
3			0	20	
4				0	20 0
5					0

$$m(i, j), i \leq j$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1			
2			2		
3				3	
4					4
5					

$$s(i, j), i \leq j$$

Example:

$$p = (10, 5, 1, 10, 2, 10)$$

$$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$$

$$\begin{aligned}m(2,4) &= \min\{m(2,2) + m(3,4) + p_1 p_2 p_4, m(2,3) + m(4,4) + p_1 p_3 p_4\} \\&= \min\{0+20+5*1*2, 50+0+5*10*2\} = 30\end{aligned}$$

	1	2	3	4	5	
1	0	50	15 0			
2		0	50	30		
3			0	20	40	
4				0	20 0	
5					0	

$$m(i,j), i \leq j$$

	1	2	3	4	5	
1		1	2			
2			2	2		
3				3	3	
4					4	
5						

$$s(i,j), i \leq j$$

Example:

$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$

$$m(i, i+3) = \min\{m(i, i) + m(i+1, i+3) + p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+3},$$
$$m(i, i+1) + m(i+2, i+3) + p_{i-1} p_{i+1} p_{i+3},$$
$$m(i, i+2) + m(i+3, i+3) + p_{i-1} p_{i+2} p_{i+3}\}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	$\frac{20}{0}$
5					0

$m(i, j), i \leq j$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	
2			2	2	2
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$s(i, j), i \leq j$

Example:

$[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$

$$m(i, i+4) = \min\{m(i, i) + m(i+1, i+4) + p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+4},$$

$$m(i, i+1) + m(i+2, i+4) + p_{i-1} p_{i+1} p_{i+4}, m(i, i+2) + m(i+3, i+4) +$$

$$p_{i-1} p_{i+2} p_{i+4}, m(i, i+3) + m(i+4, i+4) + p_{i-1} p_{i+3} p_{i+4}\}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	$\frac{19}{0}$
2	0	50	30	90	
3		0	20	40	
4			0	$\frac{20}{0}$	
5				0	

$m(i, j), i \leq j$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	2
2			2	2	2
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$s(i, j), i \leq j$

Print optimal parenthesis

Alg.: PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS(s, i, j)

1. **if** $i == j$
2. 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 “)”

Example:

Optimal multiplication sequence

$$s(1,5) = 2$$

► $A_{15} = A_{12} \times A_{35}$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	$\frac{19}{0}$
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	$\frac{20}{0}$
5					0

$$m(i,j), i \leq j$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	2
2			2	2	2
3				3	3
4					4
5					

$$s(i,j), i \leq j$$

Example:

$$A_{15} = A_{12} \times A_{35}$$

$$s(1,2) = 1 \rightarrow A_{12} = A_{11} \times A_{22}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{15} = (A_{11} \times A_{22}) \times A_{35}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	$\frac{19}{0}$
2	0	50	30	90	
3		0	20	40	
4			0	$\frac{20}{0}$	
5				0	

$m(i,j), i \leq j$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	2
2			2	2	2
3				3	4
4					4
5					

$s(i,j), i \leq j$

Example:

$$A_{15} = (A_{11} \times A_{22}) \times A_{35}$$

$$s(3,5) = 4 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad A_{35} = A_{34} \times A_{55}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{15} = (A_{11} \times A_{22}) \times (A_{34} \times A_{55})$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	$\frac{19}{0}$
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	$\frac{20}{0}$
5					0

$m(i,j), i \leq j$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	2
2			2	2	2
3				3	4
4					4
5					

$s(i,j), i \leq j$

Example:

$$A_{15} = (A_{11} \times A_{22}) \times (A_{34} \times A_{55})$$

$$s(3,4) = 3 \quad \blacktriangleright \quad A_{34} = A_{33} \times A_{44}$$

$$\rightarrow A_{15} = (A_{11} \times A_{22}) \times ((A_{33} \times A_{44}) \times A_{55})$$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	$\frac{15}{0}$	90	$\frac{19}{0}$
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	$\frac{20}{0}$
5					0

$m(i,j), i \leq j$

	1	2	3	4	5
1		1	2	2	2
2			2	2	2
3				3	4
4					4
5					

$s(i,j), i \leq j$

Memoization

- Offers the efficiency of the usual **DP** approach while maintaining **top-down** strategy
- Idea is to **memoize** the natural, but inefficient, **recursive algorithm**

Memoization

- Maintains an **entry** in a **table** for the soln to each subproblem
- Each table entry contains a **special value** to indicate that the entry has yet to be filled in
- When the subproblem is **first encountered** its solution is **computed** and then **stored** in the table
- Each **subsequent** time that the subproblem encountered the value stored in the table is simply **looked up** and **returned**

Memoized Matrix-Chain

Alg.: MEMOIZED-MATRIX-CHAIN(p)

1. $n \leftarrow \text{length}[p] - 1$
2. **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n
3. **do for** $j \leftarrow i$ **to** n
4. **do** $m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$
5. **return** LOOKUP-CHAIN(p , 1, n)

} Initialize the m table with large values that indicate whether the values of $m[i, j]$ have been computed

← Top-down approach

Memoized Matrix-Chain

Alg.: LOOKUP-CHAIN(p , i , j)

1. **if** $m[i, j] < \infty$
2. **then return** $m[i, j]$
3. **if** $i = j$
4. **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow 0$
5. **else for** $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$
6. **do** $q \leftarrow \text{LOOKUP-CHAIN}(p, i, k) +$
 $\text{LOOKUP-CHAIN}(p, k+1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$
7. **if** $q < m[i, j]$
8. **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$
9. **return** $m[i, j]$