

Dynamic Programming

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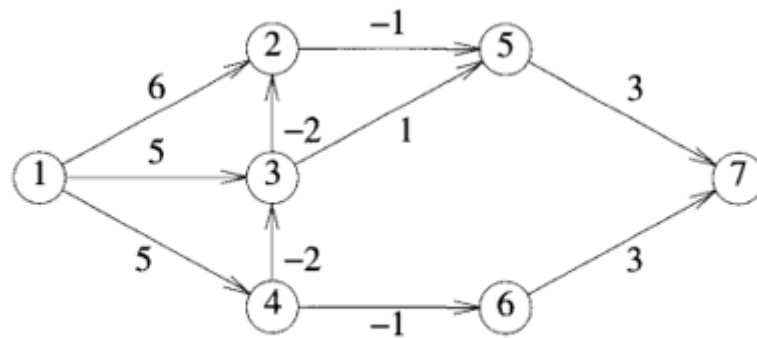


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- 1) Solution: Result of a sequence of decisions.
- 2) Why Dynamic Programming,
- 3) Principle of optimality,
- 4) Difference between DP & Greedy Method.
- 5) Similar to divide and conquer, DP solves a problem by combining solutions of subproblems
 - Subproblems are independent for D&C so more works as it solves common subproblems
 - In contrast the subproblems are not independent rather they are overlapped in DP.
So, DP solves every subproblem just once and saves its answer in a table, thereby avoiding re-computation of the answer every time the subproblem is encountered.

Single Source Shortest Paths



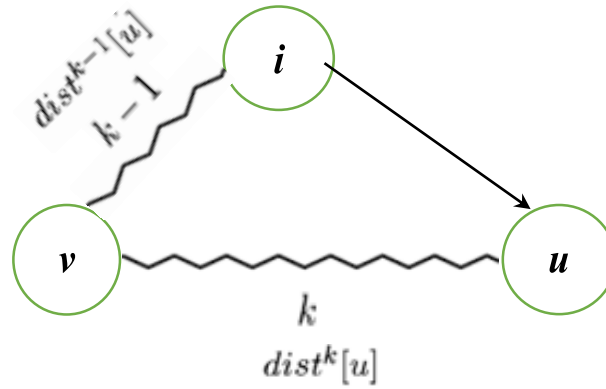
(a) A directed graph

Note: If there is no cycle of negative length, any shortest path has at most $n - 1$ edges for a graph of nodes n .

$\text{dist}^k[u]$: Length of the shortest path from source v to u having at most k edges.

$$\therefore \text{dist}^1[u] = \text{cost}(v, u)$$

We have to find out $\text{dist}^{n-1}[u] \forall u$.



1. If the shortest path from v to u with at most k , $k > 1$, edges has no more than $k - 1$ edges, then $dist^k[u] = dist^{k-1}[u]$.

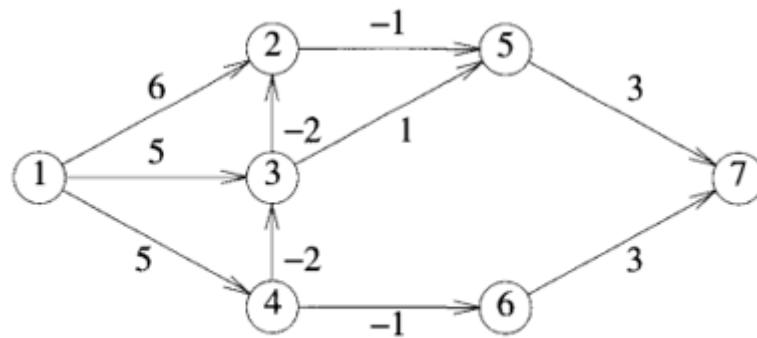
2. If it has exactly k edges,

then $dist^k[u] = dist^{k-1}[i] + cost[i, u]$

$$dist^k[u] = \min \{dist^{k-1}[u], \min_i \{dist^{k-1}[i] + cost[i, u]\}\}$$

This recurrence can be used to compute $dist^k$ from $dist^{k-1}$, for $k = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$.

An Illustration:



(a) A directed graph

	$dist^k[1..7]$						
k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	0	6	5	5	∞	∞	∞
2	0	3	3	5	5	4	∞
3	0	1	3	5	2	4	7
4	0	1	3	5	0	4	5
5	0	1	3	5	0	4	3
6	0	1	3	5	0	4	3

(b) $dist^k$

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Algorithm BellmanFord( $v, cost, dist, n$ )
// Single-source/all-destinations shortest
// paths with negative edge costs
{
    for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do // Initialize  $dist$ .
         $dist[i] := cost[v, i]$ ;
    for  $k := 2$  to  $n - 1$  do
        for each  $u$  such that  $u \neq v$  and  $u$  has
            at least one incoming edge do
            for each  $\langle i, u \rangle$  in the graph do
                if  $dist[u] > dist[i] + cost[i, u]$  then
                     $dist[u] := dist[i] + cost[i, u]$ ;
}

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A — {

A \longrightarrow requires $O(n^2)$ for adjacency matrix (or) $O(e)$ for adjacency list.

\therefore Time complexity: $O(n^3)$ for adjacency matrix, $O(ne)$ for adjacency list.

All Pairs Shortest Path

(Floyd Warshall Algorithm)

Statement: To determine a matrix A such that $A(i, j)$ is the length of the shortest path from i to j .

Assumption: No negative cycles.

Let $A^k(i, j)$ be the shortest path going through no vertex higher than k .

Then, $A^0(i, j) = \text{cost}(i, j)$

If the shortest path goes through k

$$A^k(i, j) = A^{k-1}(i, k) + A^{k-1}(k, j) \longrightarrow (1)$$

If not

$$A^k(i, j) = A^{k-1}(i, j) \longrightarrow (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2), we get

$$A^k(i, j) = \min \{A^{k-1}(i, j), A^{k-1}(i, k) + A^{k-1}(k, j)\}$$

Algorithm AllPaths(*cost*, A , n)

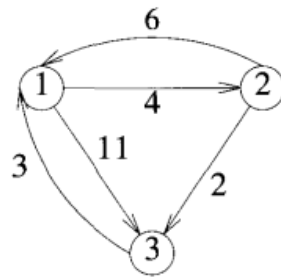
// *cost*[1 : n , 1 : n] is the cost adjacency matrix of a graph with
// n vertices; $A[i, j]$ is the cost of a shortest path from vertex
// i to vertex j . *cost*[i, i] = 0.0, for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

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{  
    for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  
        for  $j := 1$  to  $n$  do  
             $A[i, j] := \text{cost}[i, j]$ ; // Copy cost into  $A$ .  
    for  $k := 1$  to  $n$  do  
        for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  
            for  $j := 1$  to  $n$  do  
                 $A[i, j] := \min(A[i, j], A[i, k] + A[k, j]);$   
}
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Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$

An Illustration:

Let $A = \begin{matrix} & 0 & 4 & 11 \\ 6 & 0 & 2 & \\ 3 & \infty & 0 & \end{matrix}$



A^0	1	2	3
1	0	4	11
2	6	0	2
3	3	∞	0

(b) A^0

A^1	1	2	3
1	0	4	11
2	6	0	2
3	3	7	0

(c) A^1

A^2	1	2	3
1	0	4	6
2	6	0	2
3	3	7	0

(d) A^2

A^3	1	2	3
1	0	4	6
2	5	0	2
3	3	7	0

(e) A^3

Longest Common Subsequence Problem

Subsequence: $Z = (B, C, D, B)$ is a subsequence of $X = (A, B, A, C, D, A, D, A, B)$

Common subsequence: (B, C, A) is a common subsequence of

$X = (A, B, C, B, D, A, B)$ and $Y = (B, D, C, A, B, D)$

Longest common subsequence: The common subsequence of two sequences with largest length.

(B, C, A, B) is a LCS of X and Y

(B, C, B, D) is another LCS of X and Y .

NOTE – Thus LCS of two sequence is not unique.

Longest-common-subsequence problem: Given two sequences $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ and $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ and wish to find a maximum length common subsequence of X and Y .

Brute Force Approach:

Step1: Enumerate all subsequence of X.

Step2: check each subsequence to see if it is also subsequence of Y.

Step3: Find the largest one of them in step 2.

Time Complexity:

- 1) $\exists 2^m$ subsequences of X
- 2) So, it has exponential time complexity

Dynamic Programming Approach:

NOTE –LCS problem has optimal substructure property as noted by the following theorem

$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ and $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

$X_i = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ is defined as the i^{th} prefix of X .

e.g. $X = (A, B, C, B, D)$ then $X_4 = (A, B, C, B)$, X_0 is the empty sequence.

$Z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$ be any LCS X and Y .

- 1) If $x_m = y_n$ then $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and Z_{k-1} is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} .
- 2) If $x_m \neq y_n$ then $z_k \neq x_m$ implies Z is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y .
- 3) If $x_m \neq y_n$ then $z_k \neq y_n$ implies Z is an LCS of X and Y_{n-1} .

A recursive solution to problem:

Theorem implies that there are either one or two subproblems when finding an LCS of X and Y .

- 1) If $x_m = y_n$ then we are to find an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} .
- 2) If $x_m \neq y_n$ then we are to solve two subproblems

2.1) we have to find LCS of X_{m-1} and Y .

2.2) we have to find LCS of X and Y_{n-1} .

Whichever is longer will be LCS of X and Y .

Therefore, if $c[i, j]$ denotes the length of LCS of X_i and Y_j , then:

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0, \\ c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j, \\ \max(c[i, j - 1], c[i - 1, j]) & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j. \end{cases}$$

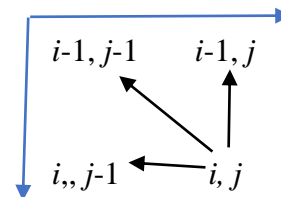
NOTE – if either $i=0$ or $j=0$, one of the sequence has length 0, so the LCS has length 0.

Computing the length of the LCS

LCS-LENGTH(X, Y)

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1   $m = X.length$ 
2   $n = Y.length$ 
3  let  $b[1..m, 1..n]$  and  $c[0..m, 0..n]$  be new tables
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
5       $c[i, 0] = 0$ 
6  for  $j = 0$  to  $n$ 
7       $c[0, j] = 0$ 
8  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
9      for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
10         if  $x_i == y_j$ 
11              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1$ 
12              $b[i, j] = "\nwarrow"$ 
13         elseif  $c[i - 1, j] \geq c[i, j - 1]$ 
14              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]$ 
15              $b[i, j] = "\uparrow"$ 
16         else  $c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]$ 
17              $b[i, j] = "\leftarrow"$ 
18  return  $c$  and  $b$ 
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Time complexity: entries are captured in row-major order from left to right, and each entry takes $O(1)$ time to execute. Since there are ‘ m ’ rows and ‘ n ’ columns it requires $O(m*n)$ time to execute.

An Illustration:

$X = (A,B,C,B,D,A,B)$ and $Y = (B,D,C,A,B,A)$

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
			y_j B D C A B A						
i	x_i								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	↑ 0	↑ 0	↑ 0	↖ 1	← 1	↖ 1
2	B		0	↖ 1	← 1	← 1	↑ 1	↖ 2	← 2
3	C		0	↑ 1	↑ 1	↖ 2	← 2	↑ 2	↑ 2
4	B		0	↖ 1	↑ 1	↑ 2	↑ 2	↖ 3	← 3
5	D		0	↑ 1	↖ 2	↑ 2	↑ 2	↑ 3	↑ 3
6	A		0	↑ 1	↑ 2	↑ 2	↖ 3	↑ 3	↖ 4
7	B		0	↖ 1	↑ 2	↑ 2	↑ 3	↖ 4	↑ 4

We simply begin at $b[m,n]$ and trace through the table by following the arrows. Whenever we encounter a “↖” in entry $b[i,j]$ it implies that $x_m = y_n$ is an element of the LCS .

NOTE : the element of the LCS are encountered in reverse order using this method.

Thus following the “↖” we got BCBA as the LCS.

Following procedure runs it

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PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j$ )
1  if  $i == 0$  or  $j == 0$ 
2      return
3  if  $b[i, j] == \nwarrow$ 
4      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j - 1$ )
5      print  $x_i$ 
6  elseif  $b[i, j] == \uparrow$ 
7      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j$ )
8  else PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j - 1$ )
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Time Complexity: Since at least one of i and j is decremented at each stage in the recursion, it requires $O(m+n)$.

Overall Time Complexity: $O(m*n)$

Overall Space Complexity: $O(m*n)$

Tutorial: Determine an LCS of $\langle 1,0,0,1,0,1,0,1 \rangle$ and $\langle 0,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,0 \rangle$

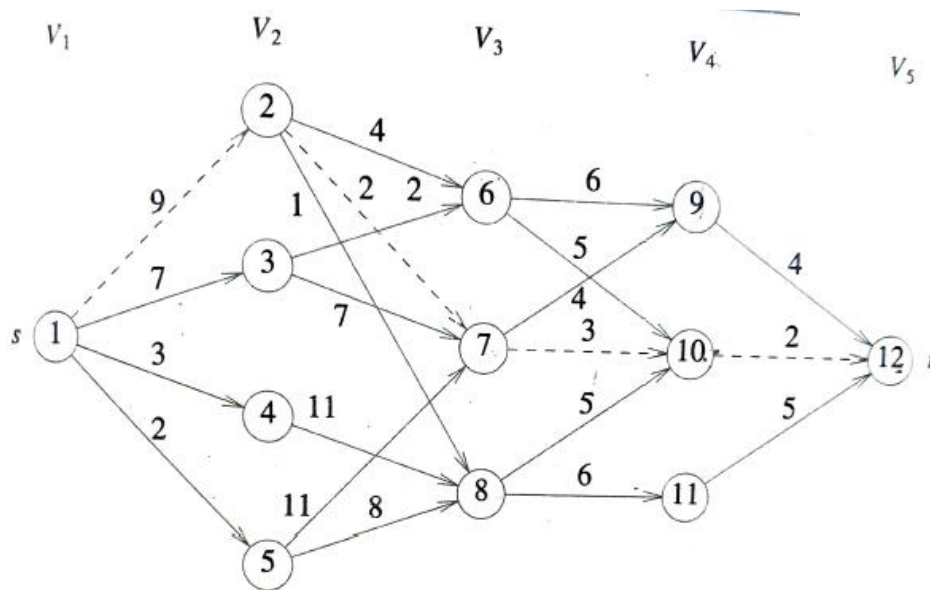
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Multistage graph problem

A multistage graph: A directed graph in which vertices are partitioned into $k \geq 2$ disjoint sets V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k such that

- 1) $|V_1| = |V_k| = 1$
- 2) If there exists an edge $\langle u, v \rangle$ then if $u \in V_i$ then v must belong to V_{i+1} .

V_1 : source (s) and V_k : sink (t)



Problem Statement: To determine a minimum-cost path from s to t.

Let $c[i, j]$ be the cost of the edge $\langle i, j \rangle$

Let $P(i, j)$ be the minimum cost path from vertex j in V_i to t and

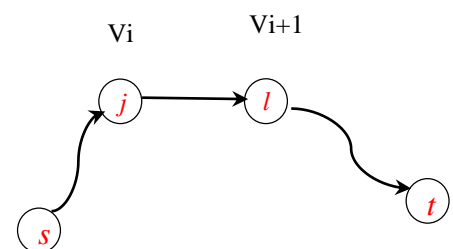
Let $\text{cost}(i, j)$ be its cost.

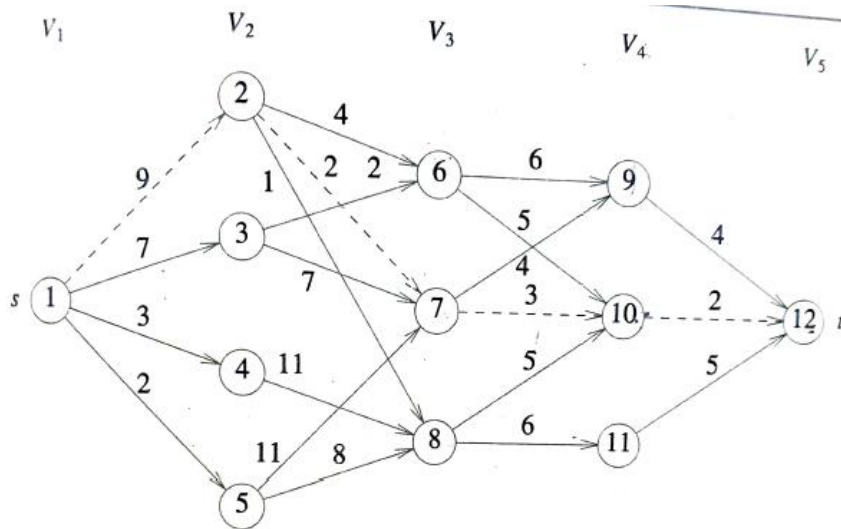
Initialization: $\text{cost}(k-1, j) = c[j, t]$

Solution: We have to find the $\text{Cost}(1, s)$.

Intermediate Calculations:

$$\text{cost}(i, j) = \min_{\substack{l \in V_{i+1} \\ \langle j, l \rangle \in E}} \{c(j, l) + \text{cost}(i+1, l)\}$$





$$cost(i, j) = \min_{\substack{l \in V_{i+1} \\ (j, l) \in E}} \{c(j, l) + cost(i + 1, l)\}$$

Let $d(i, j)$ be the value of l that minimizes $Cost(i+1, l) + c(j, l)$.

Then $d(3, 6) = 10$, $d(3, 7) = 10$, $d(3, 8) = 10$;

$d(2, 2) = 7$, $d(2, 3) = 6$, $d(2, 4) = 8$, $d(2, 5) = 8$;

$d(1, 1) = 2$

Then minimum cost path is $1, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{k-1}, t$.

Here, $v_2 = d(1, 1) = 2$;

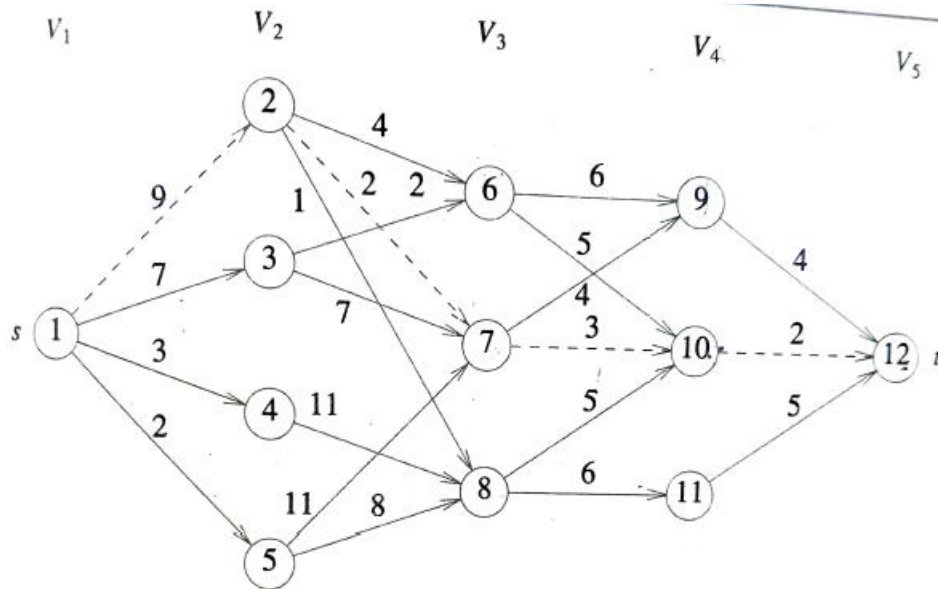
$v_3 = d(2, d(1, 1)) = d(2, 2) = 7$

$v_4 = d(3, d(2, d(1, 1))) = d(3, 7) = 10$

Therefore, the minimum cost path is $1, 2, 7, 10, 12$

Algorithm using Forward Approach:

$$cost(i, j) = \min_{\substack{l \in V_{i+1} \\ (j, l) \in E}} \{c(j, l) + cost(i + 1, l)\}$$



Algorithm FGraph(G, k, n, p)

// The input is a k -stage graph $G = (V, E)$ with n vertices
 // indexed in order of stages. E is a set of edges and $c[i, j]$
 // is the cost of $\langle i, j \rangle$. $p[1 : k]$ is a minimum-cost path.

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{
  cost[n] := 0.0;
  for j := n - 1 to 1 step -1 do
  { // Compute cost[j].
    Let r be a vertex such that  $\langle j, r \rangle$  is an edge
    of  $G$  and  $c[j, r] + cost[r]$  is minimum;
    cost[j] :=  $c[j, r] + cost[r]$ ;
    d[j] := r;
  }
  // Find a minimum-cost path.
  p[1] := 1; p[k] := n;
  for j := 2 to k - 1 do p[j] := d[p[j - 1]];
}
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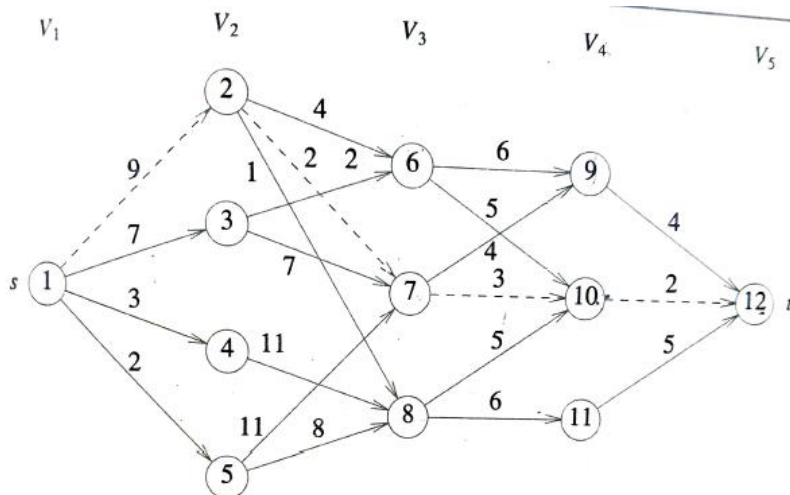
Time Complexity: If the graph is represented by **adjacency list**, then it is:

$$\Theta(|V| + |E|)$$

Solution Using Backward Approach:

The multistage graph problem can also be solved using the backward approach. Let $bp(i, j)$ be a minimum-cost path from vertex s to a vertex j in V_i . Let $bcost(i, j)$ be the cost of $bp(i, j)$. From the backward approach we obtain

$$bcost(i, j) = \min_{\substack{l \in V_{i-1} \\ \langle l, j \rangle \in E}} \{ bcost(i-1, l) + c(l, j) \}$$



$$\begin{aligned} bcost(3, 6) &= \min \{ bcost(2, 2) + c(2, 6), bcost(2, 3) + c(3, 6) \} \\ &= \min \{ 9 + 4, 7 + 2 \} \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$bcost(3, 7) = 11$$

$$bcost(3, 8) = 10$$

$$bcost(4, 9) = 15$$

$$bcost(4, 10) = 14$$

$$bcost(4, 11) = 16$$

$$bcost(5, 12) = 16$$

Algorithm BGraph(G, k, n, p)

// Same function as FGraph

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{
    bcost[1] := 0.0;
    for j := 2 to n do
    { // Compute bcost[j].
        Let r be such that  $\langle r, j \rangle$  is an edge of
        G and  $bcost[r] + c[r, j]$  is minimum;
        bcost[j] := bcost[r] + c[r, j];
        d[j] := r;
    }
    // Find a minimum-cost path.
    p[1] := 1; p[k] := n;
    for j := k - 1 to 2 do p[j] := d[p[j + 1]];
}
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Travelling Sales Person Problem

Let $g(i, S)$ be the length of a shortest path starting at vertex i , going through all vertices in S , and terminating at vertex 1.

Then $g(1, V - \{1\})$ is the length of an optimal salesperson tour.

From the principle of optimality,

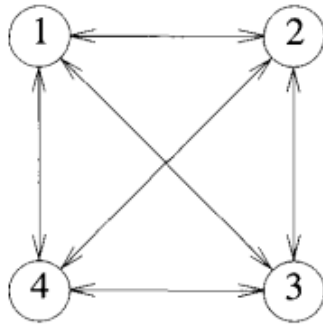
$$g(1, V - \{1\}) = \min_{2 \leq k \leq n} \{c_{1k} + g(k, V - \{1, k\})\} \longrightarrow (1)$$

Generalizing (1), we obtain (for $i \notin S$)

$$g(i, S) = \min_{j \in S} \{c_{ij} + g(j, S - \{j\})\} \longrightarrow (2)$$

Equation (1) can be solved for $g(1, V - \{1\})$ if we know $g(k, V - \{1, k\})$ for all choices of k . The g values can be obtained by using (2). Clearly,

$$g(i, \phi) = c_{i1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$



(a)

0	10	15	20
5	0	9	10
6	13	0	12
8	8	9	0

(b)

Thus $g(2, \phi) = c_{21} = 5$, $g(3, \phi) = c_{31} = 6$, and $g(4, \phi) = c_{41} = 8$. Using (2), we obtain

$$\begin{array}{lll} g(2, \{3\}) & = & c_{23} + g(3, \phi) = 15 \\ g(3, \{2\}) & = & 18 \\ g(4, \{2\}) & = & 13 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{lll} g(2, \{4\}) & = & 18 \\ g(3, \{4\}) & = & 20 \\ g(4, \{3\}) & = & 15 \end{array}$$

Next, we compute $g(i, S)$ with $|S| = 2$, $i \neq 1$, $1 \notin S$ and $i \notin S$.

$$\begin{aligned} g(2, \{3, 4\}) &= \min \{c_{23} + g(3, \{4\}), c_{24} + g(4, \{3\})\} = 25 \\ g(3, \{2, 4\}) &= \min \{c_{32} + g(2, \{4\}), c_{34} + g(4, \{2\})\} = 25 \\ g(4, \{2, 3\}) &= \min \{c_{42} + g(2, \{3\}), c_{43} + g(3, \{2\})\} = 23 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from (1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(1, \{2, 3, 4\}) &= \min \{c_{12} + g(2, \{3, 4\}), c_{13} + g(3, \{2, 4\}), c_{14} + g(4, \{2, 3\})\} \\ &= \min \{35, 40, 43\} \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

An optimal tour of the graph has length 35.

A tour of this length can be constructed if we retain with each $g(i, S)$ the value of j that minimizes the right-hand side of (2).

Let $J(i, S)$ be this value.

Then, $J(1, \{2, 3, 4\}) = 2$.

$$J(2, \{3, 4\}) = 4.$$

$$J(4, \{3\}) = 2.$$

The optimal tour is 1, 2, 4, 3, 1.

Time Complexity:

Let N be the number of $g(i, S)$'s that have to be computed before (1) can be used to compute $g(1, V - \{1\})$. For each value of $|S|$ there are choices for i . The number of distinct sets S of size k not including 1 and i is $\binom{n-2}{k}$. Hence
$$N = \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (n-1) \binom{n-2}{k} = (n-1)2^{n-2}$$

\therefore time complexity is $O(n 2^{n-2})$ $n = O(n^2 * 2^{n-2})$

Note: This is better than $n!$ for all possible tours.

Serious drawback of this D.P solution is the space needed, $O(n2^n)$

MATRIX CHAIN MULTIPLICATION

Consider $\langle A_1 A_2 A_3 \rangle$ chain where $[A_1]_{10 \times 100}$, $[A_2]_{100 \times 5}$, $[A_3]_{5 \times 50}$.

- $((A_1 A_2) A_3)$ requires $10 \times 100 \times 5 + 10 \times 5 \times 50 = 7500$ scalar multiplications.
- $(A_1(A_2 A_3))$ requires $100 \times 5 \times 50 + 10 \times 100 \times 50 = 75000$ scalar multiplications.

So $((A_1 A_2) A_3)$ is 10 times faster than $(A_1(A_2 A_3))$.

Now consider: $\langle A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 \rangle$

Then several ways to fully parenthesize:

$(A_1(A_2(A_3A_4)))$
 $(A_1((A_2A_3)A_4))$
 $((A_1A_2)(A_3A_4))$
 $((A_1(A_2A_3))A_4)$
 $((A_1A_2)A_3)A_4$

Problem Statement: Given a chain $\langle A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n \rangle$ of n matrices, where A_i has dimension $p_{i-1} \times p_i$, for $i = 1 \dots, n$, fully parenthesize the product in a way that minimizes the number of scalar multiplications.

Brute force approach:

$P(n) \rightarrow$ Number of alternative parenthesizations. Then,

$$P(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } n = 1 \\ \sum_{k=0}^n P(k)P(n-k) & , \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$P(n) = C(n-1)$ is the solution of this recurrence equation where,

$$C(n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

And $C(n) = \Omega(4^n / n^{3/2})$

Let $A_{i...j}$ denote $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$

Let $m[i, j]$ be the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed to compute the product $A_{i...j}$.

Then $m[i, j]$ would be the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed to compute the product $A_{i...k}$ and be the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed to compute the product $A_{k+1...j}$ plus number of scalar multiplications for multiplying them. Therefore,

A_i has dimension $p_{i-1} \times p_i$.

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

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

MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER(p)

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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  $q \leftarrow m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$ 
10                     if  $q < m[i, j]$ 
11                         then  $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$ 
12                              $s[i, j] \leftarrow k$ 
13  return  $m$  and  $s$ 
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Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$

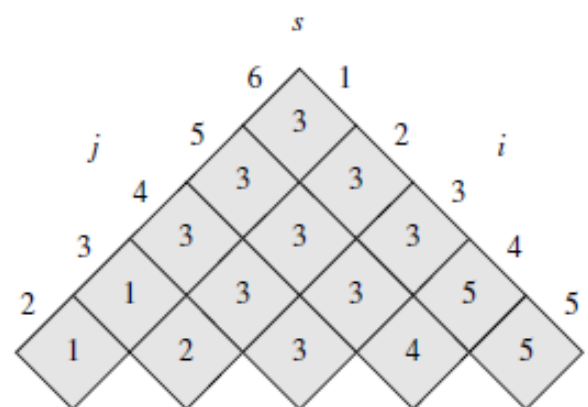
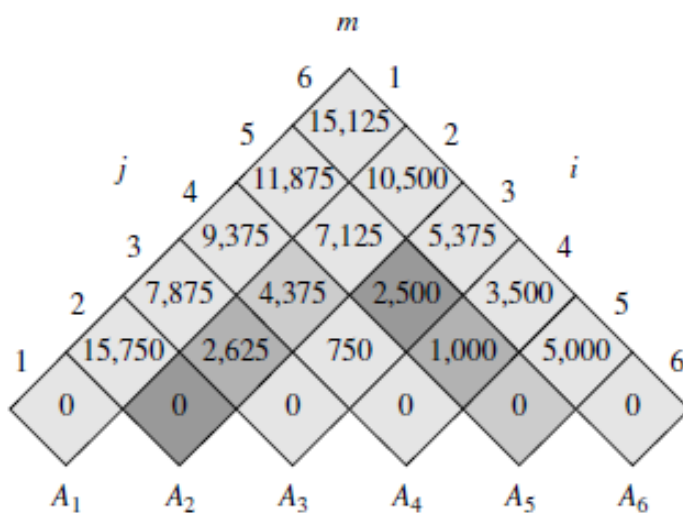
An Illustration:

matrix	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	A_5	A_6
dimension	30×35	35×15	15×5	5×10	10×20	20×25

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

$$m[2, 5] = \min \begin{cases} m[2, 2] + m[3, 5] + p_1 p_2 p_5 = 0 + 2500 + 35 \cdot 15 \cdot 20 = 13000, \\ m[2, 3] + m[4, 5] + p_1 p_3 p_5 = 2625 + 1000 + 35 \cdot 5 \cdot 20 = 7125, \\ m[2, 4] + m[5, 5] + p_1 p_4 p_5 = 4375 + 0 + 35 \cdot 10 \cdot 20 = 11375 \end{cases}$$

$$= 7125.$$



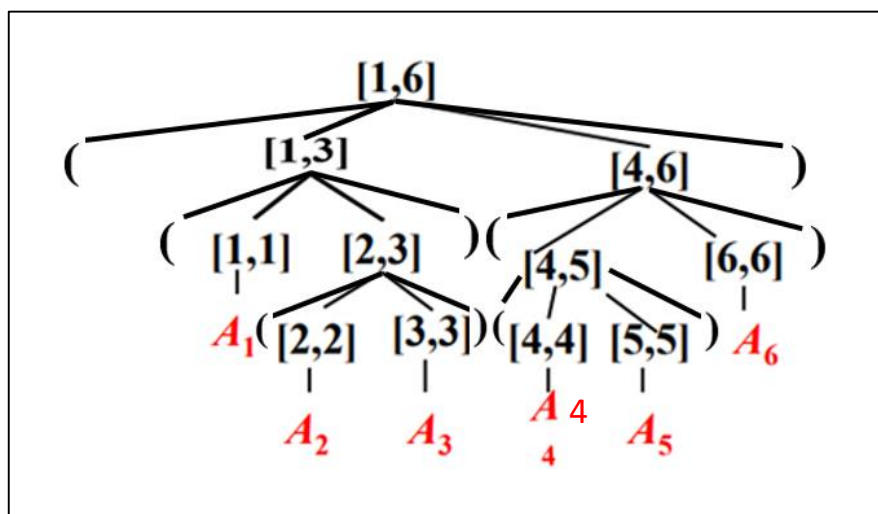
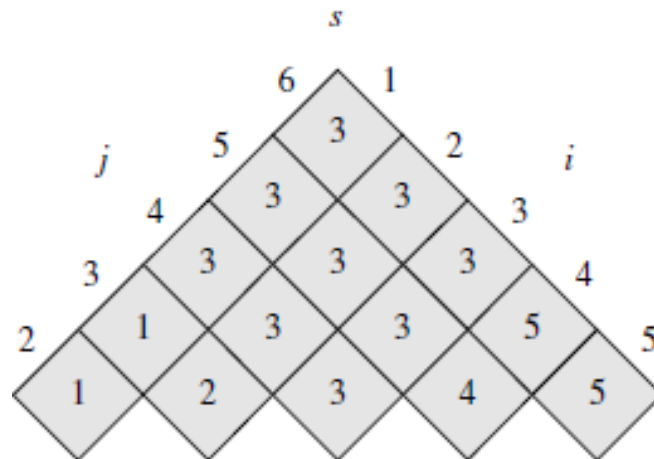
PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS(s, i, j)

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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 ")"

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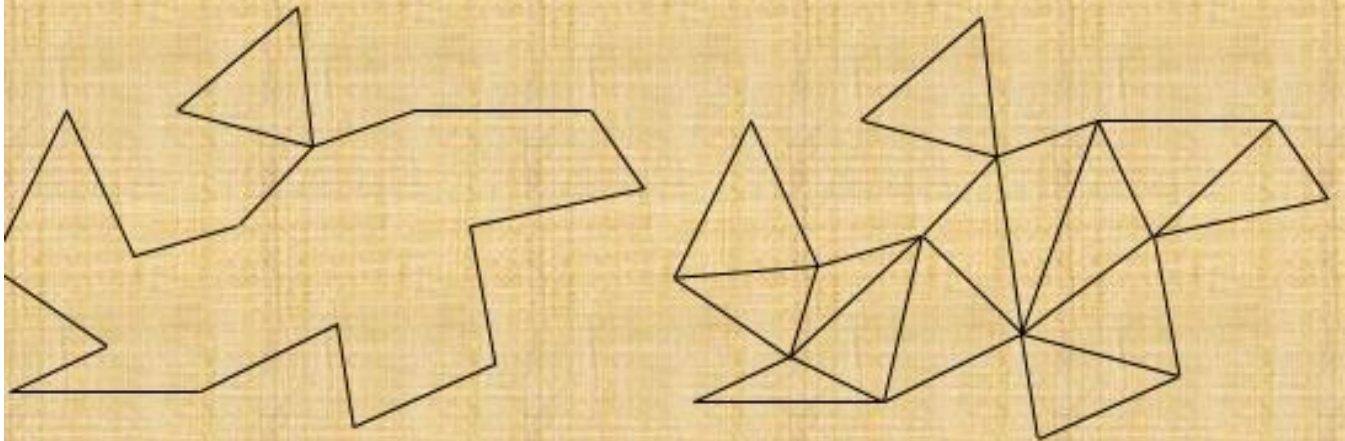
To be initially called with Print Optimal-Parents($S, 1, n$)



Hence the solution is $((A_1(A_2A_3))((A_4A_5)A_6))$

Optimal Triangulation:

Triangulation: A decomposition of a polygon into triangles by a maximal set of non-intersecting diagonals.



Note: Triangulations are usually not unique.

Theorem: Every simple polygon admits triangulations it consists of exactly $n-2$ triangles.

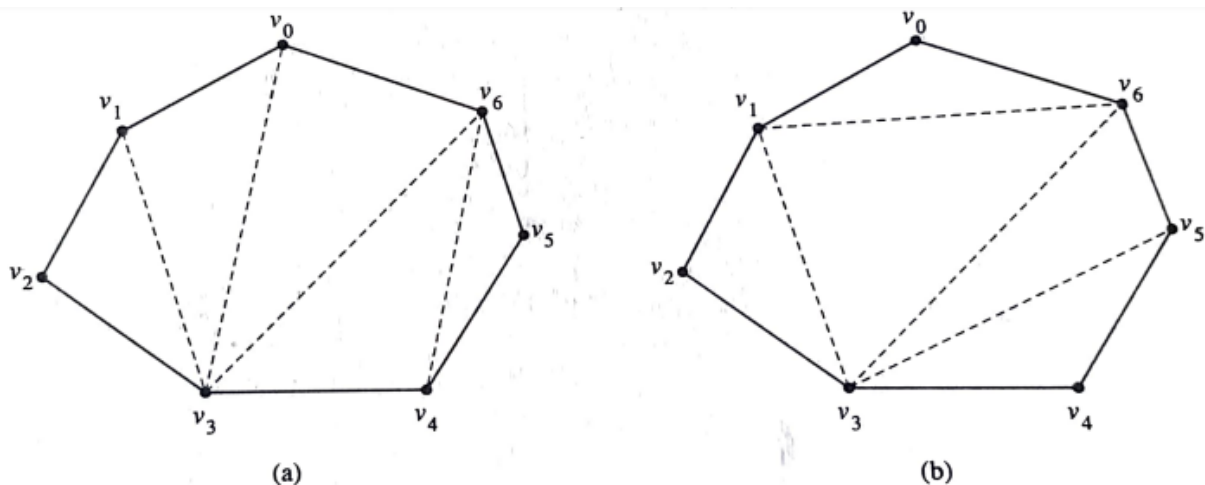


Figure 16.4 Two ways of triangulating a convex polygon. Every triangulation of this 7-sided polygon has $7 - 3 = 4$ chords and divides the polygon into $7 - 2 = 5$ triangles.

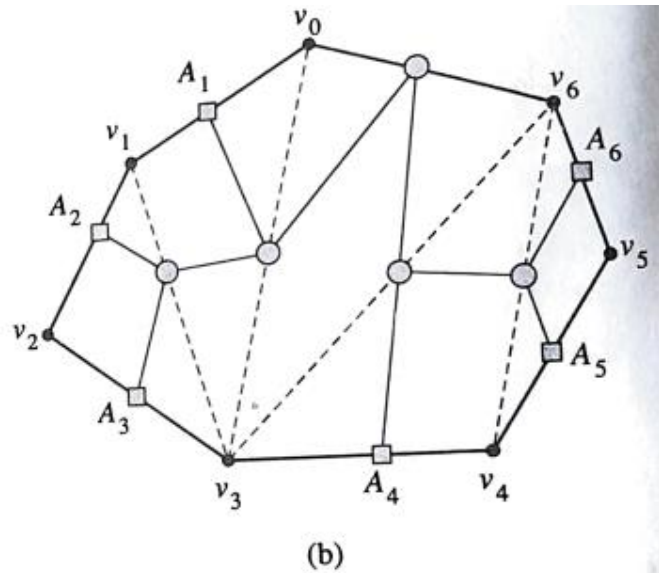
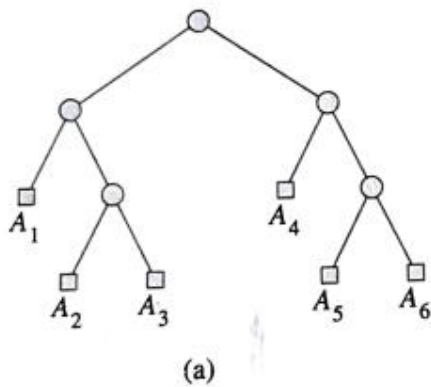


Figure 16.5 Parse trees. (a) The parse tree for the parenthesized product $((A_1(A_2A_3))(A_4(A_5A_6)))$ and for the triangulation of the 7-sided polygon from Figure 16.4(a). (b) The triangulation of the polygon with the parse tree overlaid. Each matrix A_i corresponds to the side $\overline{v_{i-1}v_i}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$.

$$((A_1(A_2A_3))((A_4A_5)A_6))$$