

Naive Analysis

Given a chain of n matrices, the naive method will traverse the entire $n + 1$ dimension chain, and calculate a cost $n - 1$ times. It does this by multiplying the dimensions from left to right. The equation to calculate cost is $cost = cost + p_{i-1} * p_i * p_{i+1}$. So there will be $n - 1$ additions and $2n - 2$ multiplications. This is a linear number of arithmetic operations. The overall runtime is linear in the number of matrices $O(n)$.

Greedy Analysis

In the greedy algorithm the input is an array of $n + 1$ dimensions where n is the number of matrices, and a range of the array to loop through. The algorithm consists of a loop that executes $(n + 1) - 2 = n - 1$ times to determine the minimum element k , then the function calls itself twice, first with a range of size k and second with a range of size $n + 1 - k$. Therefore a recurrence relation for the greedy algorithm is $T(n) = T(k) + T(n + 1 - k) + n + 1$. In the worst case, $k = 1$ every time so the function is called n times, each time looping through n elements for a runtime of $O(n^2)$.

DP Analysis

In the DP algorithm, the input is an array of $n + 1$ dimensions where n is the number of matrices. The algorithm uses a 2D array to store the the answers to each subproblem which costs $O(2n)$ to initialize. Then it iterates through 3 nested for loops, each of which will scan nearly the whole array at some point. Therefore the runtime is $O(n^3)$.