# Lecture 08 — Dynamic Programming (Part 2)

## COMPSCI 308 — Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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# Summary

# Assignments[1]


Practice makes perfect!

Introduction to Algorithms (ITA) 📖
Required Readings:

- Section 15.2.
- Section 15.3.

✏️ Required Exercises:

- Exercises 15.2 — 1–6. Exercises 15.3 — 1–5.

[1] 💣 Assignments will not be collected; however, quiz problems will be selected from them. (This includes both Readings and Exercises.)

# ITA 15.2 Matrix-Chain Multiplication

Let $A$ and $B$ be two matrices.

Let $a_{ij}$ and $b_{ij}$ be the entries of $A$ and $B$ respectively.

Let $C = A \cdot B$ and $c_{ij}$ be the entries of $C$.

Then

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

This is called the row-column rule.

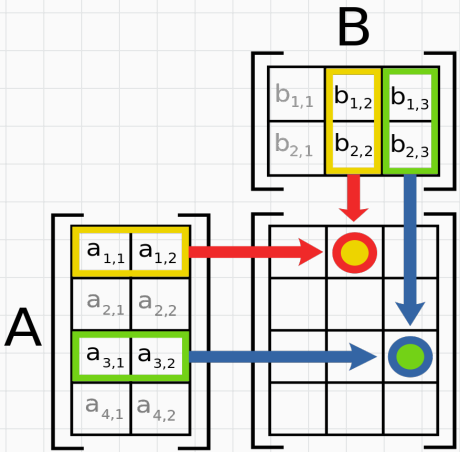


Figure 1: Matrix Multiplication

# The Row and Column Rules

Given matrices $A$ of size $m \times n$ and $B$ of size $n \times p$,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

The product $C = A \times B$ is a matrix of size $m \times p$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1p} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{m1} & c_{m2} & \cdots & c_{mp} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# The Pseudocode

🍰 If $A$ is of size $m \times n$ and $B$ is of size $n \times p$, how many ✖ do we need to compute $AB$?

```
1: Matrix-Multiply(A, B)
2: let C be a new A.rows × B.columns matrix
3: for i = 1 to A.rows do
4:     for j = 1 to B.columns do
5:         C_ij = 0
6:         for k = 1 to A.columns do
7:             C_ij = C_ij + A_ik × B_kj
8: return C
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**The Associative Law**

Given any matrices $A, B, C$ (of compatible sizes), we have —

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

💡 So we often drop the brackets and simply write $ABC$.

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🤪 In how many ways can we fully parenthesize $A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n$?

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🍰 Can you think of a case when any parenthesization of $A_1, A_2, \ldots A_n$ uses the same amount of ✖?

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In COMPSCI 203, we have seen that $P(n)$ is the famous _____ number —

$$P(n) = \frac{1}{n}\binom{2n-2}{n-1} = \Theta\left(\frac{4^n}{n^{3/2}}\right) \tag{1}$$

There are simply too many ways to check exhaustively.

🧩 Try to prove (1).

# The Structure of the Optimal Solution

If the optimal way to parenthesize $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ is to "break" the chain into two parts between $A_k$ and $A_{k+1}$, i.e.,

$$((A_i \dots A_k)(A_{k+1} \dots A_j))$$

then the parenthesizations of both

$$A_i \dots A_k \qquad \text{and} \qquad A_{k+1} \dots A_j$$

must both be optimal.

Otherwise we could get even better parenthesization.

# A Recursive Solution

Let $m[i,j]$ be the minimum number of ✖ needed to compute $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$.

Let the size of $A_i$ be $p_{i-1} \times p_i$.

Then by the previous observation

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

🍰 Why is $m[i,j] = 0$ when $i = j$?

To compute $m[i, j]$, we can fill up the optimal cost table and split table as shown below.

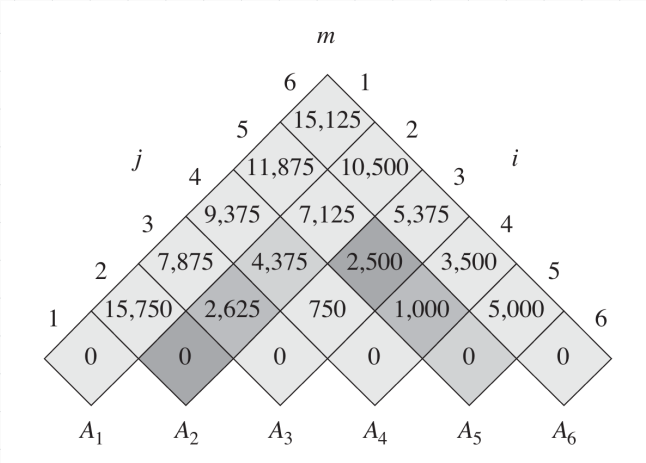


Figure 2: The matrix chain cost table for matrices with $\langle p_0, \ldots p_6 \rangle = \langle 30, 35, 15, 5, 10, 20, 25 \rangle$

# The Pseudocode

```
Matrix-Chain-Order(p)
Initialize m and s
for l = 2 to n do
    for i = 1 to n − l + 1 do
        j ← i + l − 1
        m[i, j] ← ∞
        for k = i to j − 1 do
            q ← m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p[i − 1] × p[k] × p[j]
            if q < m[i, j] then
                m[i, j] ← q
                s[i, j] ← k
return m and s
```

# Construct the Optimal Parenthesization

```
Print-Optimal-Parens(s, i, j)
if i = j then
    print "A_i"
else
    print "("
    Print-Optimal-Parens(s, i, s[i, j])
    Print-Optimal-Parens(s, s[i, j] + 1, j)
    print ")"
```

🍰 What is the output when this is applied to the table on the right?

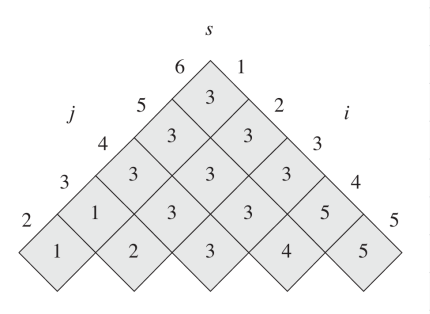


**Figure 3:** The matrix chain split table for matrices with $\langle p_0, \ldots p_6 \rangle = \langle 30, 35, 15, 5, 10, 20, 25 \rangle$

Consider matrices $A_1, A_2, A_3$ whose sizes are given by

$$\langle 4, 5, 7, 3 \rangle$$

What is $m(1,3)$?

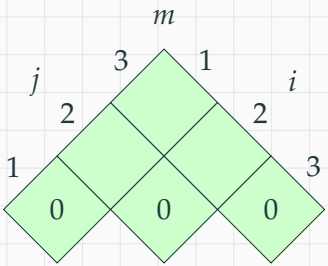


**Figure 4:** The matrix chain cost table

# ITA 15.3 Elements of Dynamic Programming

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4. Prove subproblem solutions within an optimal solution must be optimal by contradiction — If a subproblem's solution isn't optimal, by replacing it with the optimal one, a better solution to the original problem is obtained.

# Look Out for Pitfalls

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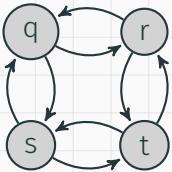


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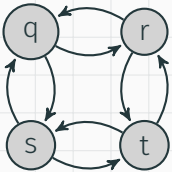


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💣 Sometimes the optimal solution does not contain optimal solutions for subproblems.

🍰 Can you think of another problem like this?

# Overlapping Subproblems

A sign that a problem is suitable for dynamic programming is that there are overlapping subproblems.

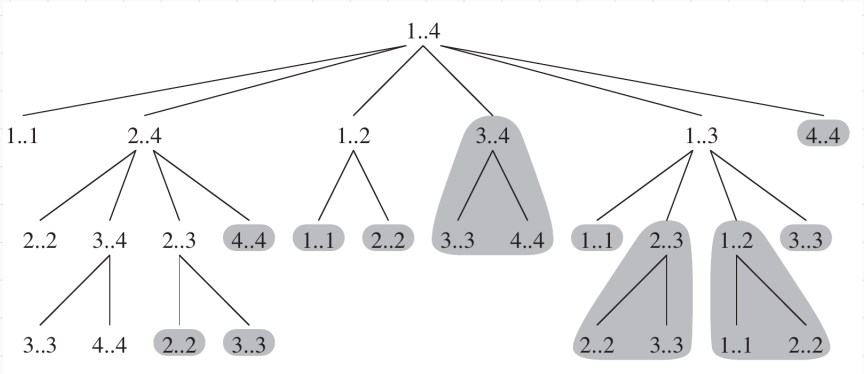


Figure 6: 📌 Example — The recursion tree for the matrix chain multiplication problem

# Compute the Optimal Chain Naively

```
1: Recursive-Matrix-Chain(p, i, j)
2: if i = j then
3:     return 0
4: min ← ∞
5: for k = i to j − 1 do
6:     c ← Recursive-Matrix-Chain(p, i, k)
           + Recursive-Matrix-Chain(p, k + 1, j)
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Let $T(n)$ be the running time of this algorithm. Then we have

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

We can show by induction that

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

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## The Change-Making Problem

# 📌 Example — Buying a Magic Mushroom[2]

Consider wanting to purchase a magic 🍄 priced at $99.

However, the vendor only accepts 🪙 in denominations of

$$\$5, \$10, \$25, \$50.$$

Determine the fewest number of 🪙 required to make the purchase.

**Figure 7:** A magic 🍄 shop

[2]This is not in the textbook.

# The Change-Making Problem

For a given set of 🪙 denominations $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ and a specified amount $A$ —

Determine the minimum count of coins, from the set, that combine to reach the amount $A$.

Let $c_i$ represent the count of coins of denomination $d_i$.

Our objective is to minimize —

$$C(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i$$

Subject to the constraint —

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \cdot d_i = A$$

# Dynamic Programming Solution

The following simple algorithm computes the optimal solution.

```
1: ChangeMaking(D, A)
2: Initialize array M[0 ... A] with values set to ∞
3: M[0] = 0
4: for i = 1 to A do
5:     for each d in D do
6:         if i − d ≥ 0 and M[i − d] + 1 < M[i] then
7:             M[i] = M[i − d] + 1
8: return M[A]
```

🍰 What is the output when $D = \{5, 10, 25, 50\}$ and $A = 99$?

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## Even More Examples

# Treasure Hunt Problem

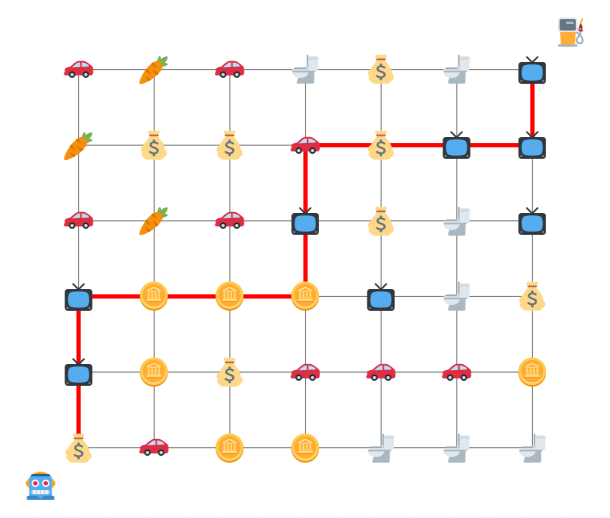

**Figure 8:** A treasure hunt on a grid

# Treasure Hunt Problem

A 🤖 starts at coordinate $(0, 0)$ on a $m \times n$ grid.

Each grid cell $(i, j)$ holds a treasure with value $t_{ij}$.

The 🤖 can move either up or right one unit at a time.

🎯 Maximize the total treasure collected.

Let $c_{ij}$ be the maximum treasure collected by the robot starting from coordinate $(i, j)$.

🧩 Can you find a recursion for $c_{ij}$?

🧩 Can you write a dynamic programming algorithm in pseudocode for finding $c_{mn}$?

# Longest Palindromic Substring

A palindrome is a string that reads the same forward and backward.

🤔 Given a string $s$, how can the longest palindromic substring in $s$ be found? For example,

- $s$ = `"babad"` $\Rightarrow$ `"bab"` or `"aba"`
- $s$ = `"cbbd"` $\Rightarrow$ `"bb"`
- $s$ = `"a"` $\Rightarrow$ `"a"`

Let

$$P(i,j) = \begin{cases} \text{true}, & i = j, \\ (s_i = s_j), & j = i+1, \\ (s_i = s_j) \wedge P(i+1, j-1), & j > i+1. \end{cases}$$

$P(i,j)$ indicates whether $s[i \ldots j]$ is a palindrome. The longest palindromic substring is the valid $(i,j)$ pair that maximizes $j - i + 1$.

# What are your main takeaways today? Any questions?