

# 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

- $\text{rows}[A]$ : # of rows
- $\text{cols}[A]$ : # of columns

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

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

$\left. \begin{array}{l} A: (p \times q) \\ B: (q \times r) \end{array} \right\} C = A \cdot B \text{ is } p \times r.$

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

**MATRIX-MULTIPLY**(A, B)

**if**  $\text{cols}[A] \neq \text{rows}[B]$  **then**  
    **error**("incompatible dimensions")

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $\text{rows}[A]$  **do**

**for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $\text{cols}[B]$  **do**

$C[i,j] \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $\text{cols}[A]$  **do**

$C[i,j] \leftarrow$   
             $C[i,j] + A[i,k] \cdot B[k,j]$

**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  $A_1: 10 \times 100$ ;  $A_2: 100 \times 5$ ;  $A_3: 5 \times 50$


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

$(A_1 (A_2 A_3))$	$100 \times 5 \times 50$	+	$10 \times 100 \times 50$	=75000
$\substack{10 \times 100 \quad 100 \times 50}$	$A_2 A_3$		$A_1 (A_2 A_3)$	

$\Rightarrow$  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.,

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


- We obtain the recurrence

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

# Number of Parenthesizations

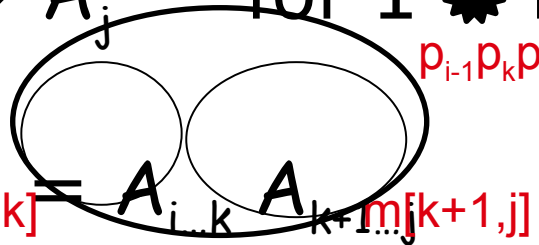
- The recurrence generates the sequence of Catalan Numbers
- Solution is  $P(n) = C(n-1)$  where

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

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

# Establishing the Recurrence

Consider the subproblem of parenthesizing

$$A_{i \dots j} = A_i A_{i+1} \blacktriangledown \blacktriangledown \blacktriangledown A_j \quad \text{for } 1 \star i \star j \star n$$


for  $i \star k < j$

Assume that the optimal parenthesization splits the product  $A_i A_{i+1} \blacktriangledown \blacktriangledown \blacktriangledown A_j$  at  $k$  ( $i \star k < j$ )

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



# The Recurrence relation

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

# 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**

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

**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  $O(2^n)$

# 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  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  that splits the product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$ ,

contains within it optimal soln's to the problems of parenthesizing  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$  and  $A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n$

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

# Elements of Dynamic Programming

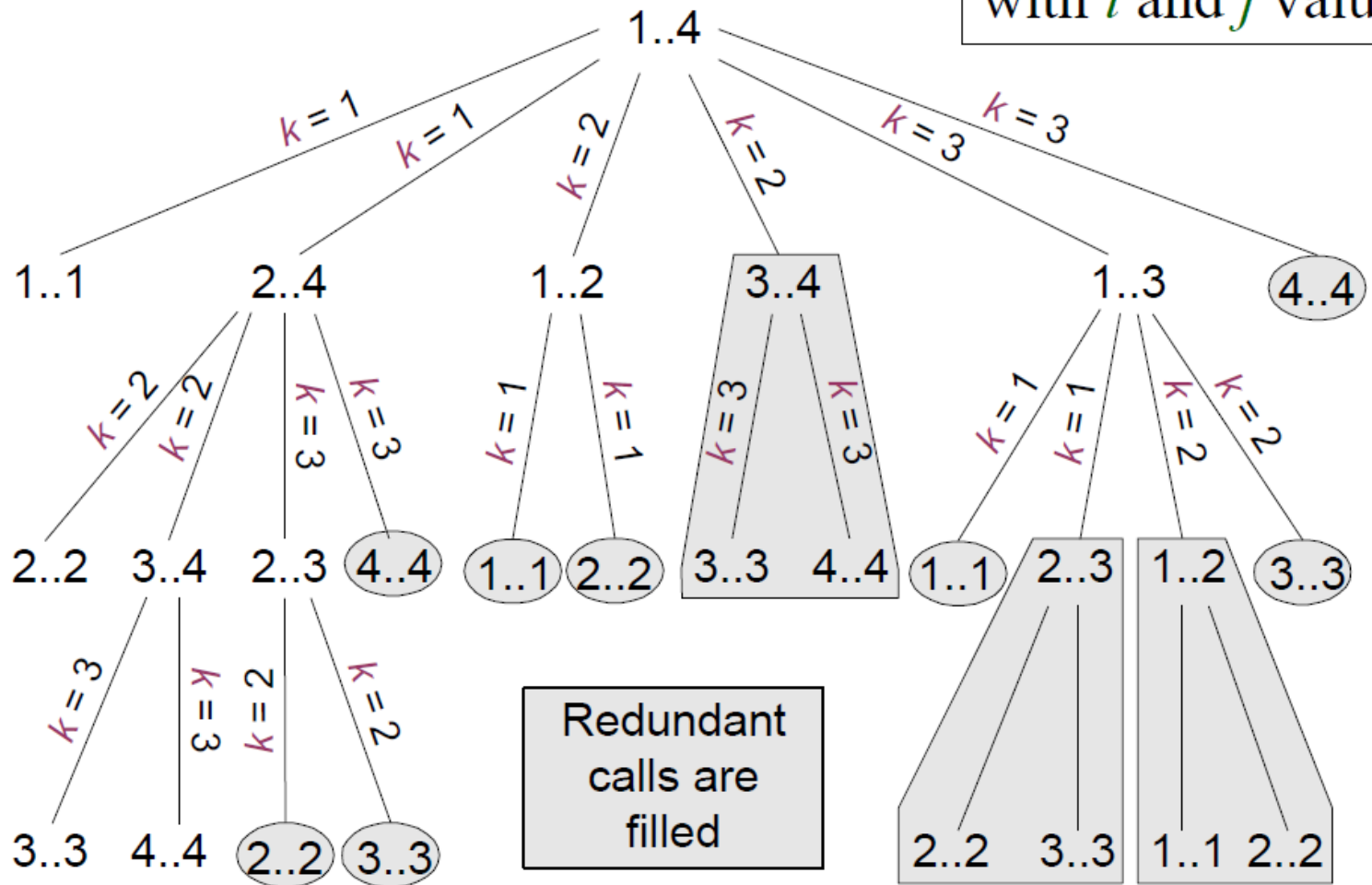
## Overlapping Subproblems

- 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

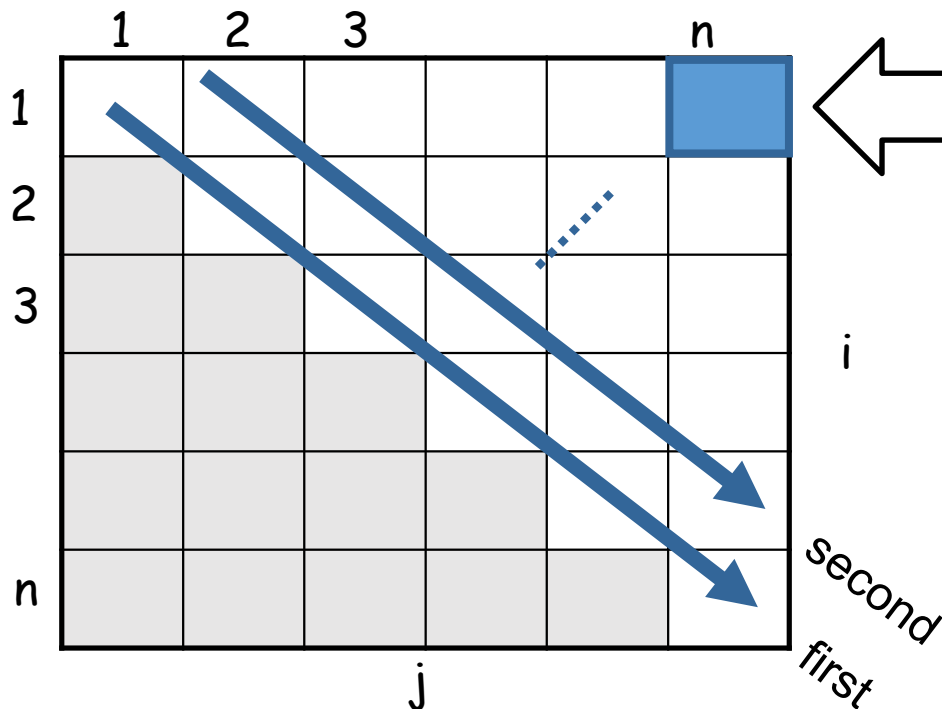




# Using Dynamic Programming

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

- 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**  $j - 1$
10.                  $q = m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$
11.                 **if**  $q < m[i, j]$
12.                      $m[i, j] = q$
13.                      $s[i, j] = k$
14. **return**  $m$  and  $s$

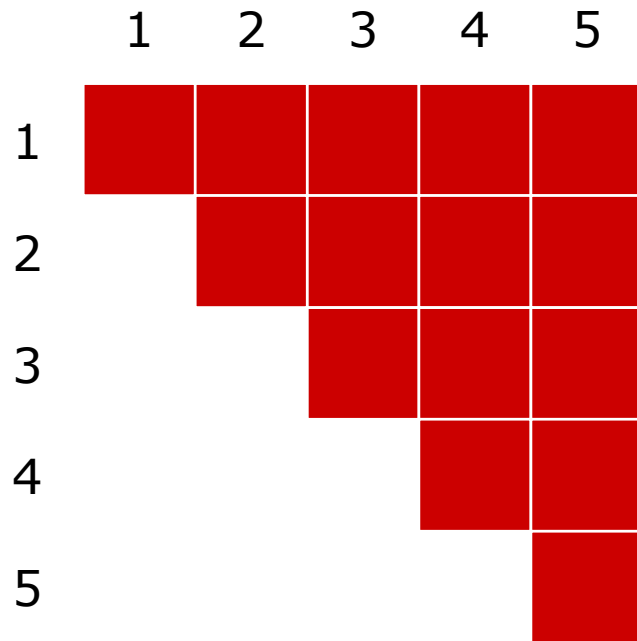
# Analysis

- 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  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

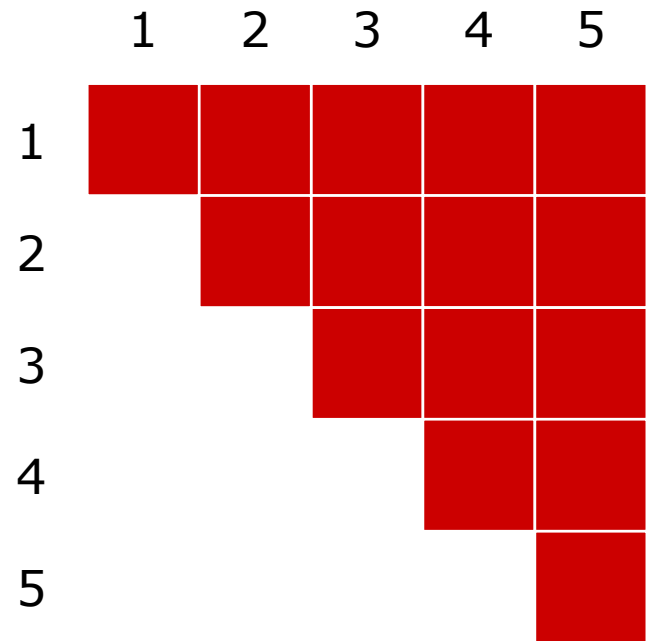
# Example:

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

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



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



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

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$m(i,i) = 0$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0				
2		0			
3			0		
4				0	
5					0

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

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$m(i, i+1) = p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+1}$  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	200
5					0

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

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50			
2		0	50		
3			0	20	
4				0	200
5					0

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

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

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$m(2,4) = \min\{m(2,2) + m(3,4) + p_1 p_2 p_4, m(2,3) + m(4,4) + p_1 p_3 p_4\}$

$= \min\{0 + 20 + 5 * 1 * 2, 50 + 0 + 5 * 10 * 2\} = 30$

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150		
2		0	50	30	
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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:

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

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

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

$p_{i+1}p_{i+3},$

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150	90	
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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:

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150	90	190
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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					

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

# 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	150	90	190
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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:

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150	90	190
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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:

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150	90	190
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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:

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

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1	0	50	150	90	190
2		0	50	30	90
3			0	20	40
4				0	200
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**  $m[i, j]$