

# Dynamic Programming

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## Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic programming, like the divide-and-conquer method, solves problems by combining the solutions to subproblems.
- dynamic programming applies when the subproblems overlap—that is, *when subproblems share subsubproblems*.
- A dynamic-programming algorithm *solves each subsubproblem just once* and then *saves its answer in a table*,
  - thereby **avoiding the work of recomputing** the answer every time it solves each subsubproblem.

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## Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic Programming(DP) applies to optimization problems
  - Such problems can have many possible solutions.
  - *Each solution has a value*, and
  - we wish to *find a solution with the optimal* (minimum or maximum) *value*.
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## Developing a dynamic- programming algorithm

- *follow a sequence of four steps:*
  1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution.
  2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.
  3. Compute the value of an optimal solution, typically in a bottom-up fashion.
  4. Construct an optimal solution from computed information.

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## Divide & Conquer vs. Dynamic Programming

- Divide and Conquer algorithms partition the problem into *independent subproblems*.
- Dynamic Programming is applicable when the *subproblems are not independent*. (In this case DP algorithm does more work than necessary)
- Dynamic Programming algorithm *solves every subproblem just once* and then *saves its answer in a table*.

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## Dynamic Programming Applications

- Areas.
  - Bioinformatics.
  - Control theory.
  - Information theory.
  - Operations research.
  - Computer science: theory, graphics, AI, systems, ....
- Some famous dynamic programming algorithms.
  - Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
  - Unix diff for comparing two files.
  - Smith-Waterman for sequence alignment.
  - Bellman-Ford for shortest path routing in networks.
  - Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context free grammars.

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## The steps of a dynamic programming

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## Dynamic Programming

- Example
  - Matrix-chain multiplication
  - Longest common subsequence

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## Matrix-chain multiplication Problem

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication

- given a sequence (chain)  $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$   
of  $n$  matrices to be multiplied, and
- we wish to compute the product

$$A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

- Matrix multiplication is *associative*, and so all parenthesizations yield the same product.
- For example, if the chain of matrices is  $\langle A_1 A_2 \dots A_4 \rangle$  then the product  $\langle A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 \rangle$  *can be fully parenthesized in five distinct ways:*

$$\begin{aligned} &(A_1 (A_2 (A_3 A_4))) \\ &(A_1 ((A_2 A_3) A_4)) \\ &((A_1 A_2) (A_3 A_4)) \\ &((A_1 (A_2 A_3)) A_4) \\ &(((A_1 A_2) A_3) A_4) \end{aligned}$$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication

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

**if** *columns* [A]  $\neq$  *rows* [B]

**then error** “incompatible dimensions”

**else for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to** *rows* [A]

**do for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to** *columns* [B]

**do**  $C[i, j] \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  **to** *columns* [A]

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

**return** C

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Cost of the matrix multiplication:

An example:  $\langle A_1 A_2 A_3 \rangle$   
 $A_1 : 10 \times 100$   
 $A_2 : 100 \times 5$   
 $A_3 : 5 \times 50$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

If we multiply  $((A_1 A_2) A_3)$  we perform  $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5000$  scalar multiplications to compute the  $10 \times 5$  matrix product  $A_1 A_2$ , plus another  $10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2500$  scalar multiplications to multiply this matrix by  $A_3$ , for a total of 7500 scalar multiplications.

If we multiply  $(A_1 (A_2 A_3))$  we perform  $100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25000$  scalar multiplications to compute the  $100 \times 50$  matrix product  $A_2 A_3$ , plus another  $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50000$  scalar multiplications to multiply  $A_1$  by this matrix, for a total of 75000 scalar multiplications.

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### • The problem:

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

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

- Counting the **number of alternative parenthesization** :  $b_n$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \text{ there is only one matrix} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_k b_{n-k} & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$b_n = \Omega(2^n)$$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Step 1: The structure of an optimal parenthesization(op)

- Find the optimal substructure and then use it to construct an optimal solution to the problem from optimal solutions to subproblems.
- Let  $A_{i..j}$  where  $i \leq j$ , denote the matrix product  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$
- Any parenthesization of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$  must split the product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$  for  $i \leq k < j$ .

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### The optimal substructure of the problem:

- Suppose that an **op** of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$  splits the product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$  then the parenthesization of the subchain  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_k$  within this parenthesization of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$  must be an **op** of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_k$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Step 2: A recursive solution:

- Let  $m[i,j]$  be the *minimum number of scalar multiplications* needed to compute the matrix  $A_{i..j}$  where  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ .
- Thus, *the cost of a cheapest way to compute*  $A_{1..n}$  would be  $m[1,n]$ .
- Assume that the *op* splits the product  $A_{i..j}$  between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$ , where  $i \leq k < j$ .
- Then  $m[i,j]$  = The minimum cost for computing  $A_{i..k}$  and  $A_{k+1..j}$  + the cost of multiplying these two matrices.

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

Recursive definition for the minimum cost of paranthesization:

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

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

- To help us keep track of *how to construct an optimal solution*
- we **define**  $s[i,j]$  to be a value of  $k$  at which we can split the product  $A_{i..j}$  to obtain an optimal paranthesization.

That is  $s[i,j]$  equals a value  $k$  such that

$$m[i, j] = m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$$

$$s[i, j] = k$$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Step 3: Computing the optimal costs

It is easy to write a recursive algorithm based on recurrence for computing  $m[i,j]$ .

But the running time will be exponential!...

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Step 3: Computing the optimal costs

We compute the optimal cost by using a tabular, bottom-up approach.

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER( $p$ )

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 $n \leftarrow \text{length}[p]-1$ 
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
  do  $m[i,i] \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $l \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$ 
  do for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n-l+1$ 
    do  $j \leftarrow i+l-1$ 
       $m[i,j] \leftarrow \infty$ 
      for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j-1$ 
        do  $q \leftarrow m[i,k] + m[k+1,j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$ 
          if  $q < m[i,j]$ 
            then  $m[i,j] \leftarrow q$ 
               $s[i,j] \leftarrow k$ 
return  $m$  and  $s$ 

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

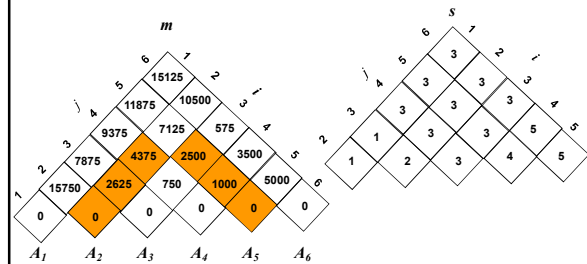
An example:

	matrix	dimension
$A_1$		$30 \times 35$
$A_2$		$35 \times 15$
$A_3$		$15 \times 5$
$A_4$		$5 \times 10$
$A_5$		$10 \times 20$
$A_6$		$20 \times 25$

$$m[2,5] = \min \begin{cases} m[2,2] + m[3,5] + p_1 p_2 p_5 = 0 + 2500 + 35 \cdot 15 \cdot 20 = 13000 \\ m[2,3] + m[4,5] + p_1 p_3 p_5 = 2625 + 100 + 35 \cdot 5 \cdot 20 = 7125 \\ m[2,4] + m[5,5] + p_1 p_4 p_5 = 4375 + 0 + 35 \cdot 10 \cdot 20 = 11375 \end{cases}$$

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..



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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### Step 4: Constructing an optimal solution

- An optimal solution can be constructed from the computed information stored in the table  $s[1 \dots n, 1 \dots n]$ .
- We know that the final matrix multiplication is

$$A_{1 \dots s[1,n]} \cdot A_{s[1,n]+1 \dots n}$$

The earlier matrix multiplication can be computed recursively.

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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

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PRINT-OPTIMAL-PARENS (s, i, j)
1  if i=j
2    then print "Ai"
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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## Matrix-Chain multiplication cont..

### RUNNING TIME:

- Recursive solution takes exponential time.
- Matrix-chain order yields a running time of  $O(n^3)$

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## Elements of dynamic programming

When should we apply the method of Dynamic Programming?

Two key ingredients:

- Optimal substructure
- Overlapping subproblems

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

### Optimal substructure (os):

- A problem exhibits **os** if an optimal solution to the problem contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems.
- Whenever a problem exhibits **os**, it is a good clue that dynamic programming might apply.
- In dynamic programming, we build an optimal solution to the problem from optimal solutions to subproblems.
- Dynamic programming uses optimal substructure in a bottom-up fashion.

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

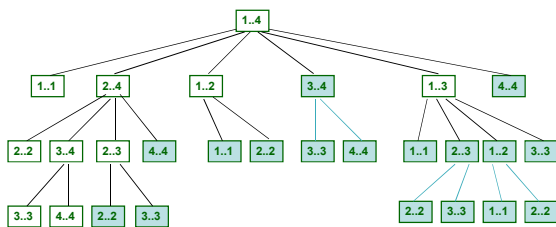
### Overlapping subproblems:

- When a recursive algorithm revisits the same problem over and over again, we say that the optimization problem has **overlapping subproblems**.
- In contrast, a **divide-and-conquer** approach is suitable usually generates brand new problems at each step of recursion.
- Dynamic programming algorithms take advantage of overlapping subproblems by solving each subproblem once and then storing the solution in a table where it can be looked up when needed.

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

### Overlapping subproblems: (cont.)



The recursion tree of RECURSIVE-MATRIX-CHAIN( $p, 1, 4$ ). The computations performed in a shaded subtree are replaced by a single table lookup in MEMOIZED-MATRIX-CHAIN( $p, 1, 4$ ).

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

RECURSIVE-MATRIX-CHAIN( $p, i, j$ )

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

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

### Memoization

- There is a variation of dynamic programming that often offers the efficiency of the usual dynamic-programming approach while maintaining a top-down strategy.
- The idea is to **memoize** the natural, but inefficient, recursive algorithm.
- We maintain a table with subproblem solutions, but the control structure for filling in the table is more like the recursive algorithm.

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

### Memoization (cont.)

- An entry in a table for the solution to each subproblem is maintained.
- Each table entry initially contains a special value to indicate that the entry has yet to be filled.
- When the subproblem is first encountered during the execution of the recursive algorithm, its solution is computed and then stored in the table.
- Each subsequent time that the problem is encountered, the value stored in the table is simply looked up and returned.

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

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

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## Elements of dynamic programming cont..

### Memoization (cont.)

```
LOOKUP-CHAIN( $p, 1, n$ )
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  $k \leftarrow 1$  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  $m[i,j]$ 
```

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