



# Algorithms Theory

## 14 – Dynamic Programming (2)

### Matrix-chain multiplication

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# Optimal substructure

Dynamic programming is typically applied to *optimization problems*.

An optimal solution to the original problem contains *optimal solutions to smaller subproblems*.

# Matrix-chain multiplication

**Given:** sequence (chain)  $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$  of matrices

**Goal:** compute the product  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$

**Problem:** Parenthesize the product in a way that **minimizes the number of scalar multiplications**.

**Definition:** 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 parentheses**.

# Examples of fully parenthesized matrix products of the chain $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$

All possible fully parenthesized matrix products of the chain  $\langle A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 \rangle$  are:

$$(A_1(A_2(A_3A_4)))$$

$$(A_1((A_2A_3)A_4))$$

$$((A_1A_2)(A_3A_4))$$

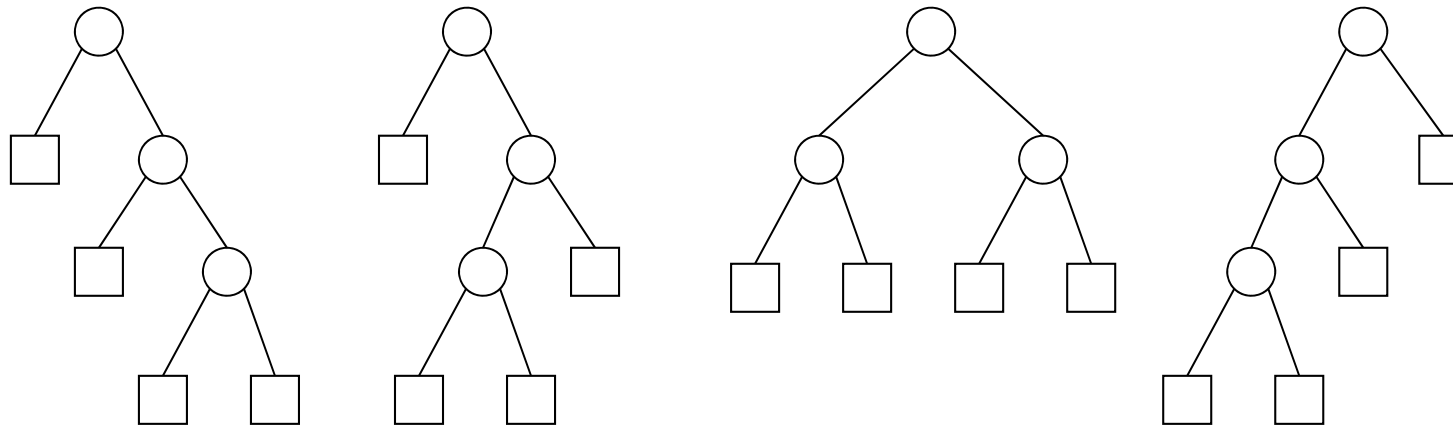
$$((A_1(A_2A_3))A_4)$$

$$(((A_1A_2)A_3)A_4)$$

# Number of different parenthesizations



Different parenthesizations correspond to different trees:



# Number of different parenthesizations

Let  $P(n)$  be the number of alternative parenthesizations of the product  $A_1 \dots A_k A_{k+1} \dots A_n$ .

$$P(1) = 1$$

$$P(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k)P(n-k) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$P(n+1) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \approx \frac{4^n}{n\sqrt{\pi n}} + O\left(\frac{4^n}{\sqrt{n^5}}\right)$$

$$P(n+1) = C_n \quad n\text{-th Catalan number}$$

Remark: Determining the optimal parenthesization by exhaustive search is not reasonable.

# Multiplying two matrices

$$A = (a_{ij})_{p \times q}, B = (b_{ij})_{q \times r}, A \cdot B = C = (c_{ij})_{p \times r},$$

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

## Algorithm *Matrix-Mult*

**Input:**  $(p \times q)$  matrix  $A$ ,  $(q \times r)$  matrix  $B$

**Output:**  $(p \times r)$  matrix  $C = A \cdot B$

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1 for  $i := 1$  to  $p$  do
2   for  $j := 1$  to  $r$  do
3      $C[i, j] := 0$ 
4     for  $k := 1$  to  $q$  do
5        $C[i, j] := C[i, j] + A[i, k] \cdot B[k, j]$ 
```

Number of multiplications and additions:  $p \cdot q \cdot r$

Remark: Using this algorithm, multiplying two  $(n \times n)$  matrices requires  $n^3$  multiplications. This can also be done using  $O(n^{2.376})$  multiplications.



# Matrix-chain multiplication: Example

Computation of the product  $A_1 A_2 A_3$ , where

$A_1$  :  $(10 \times 100)$  matrix

$A_2$  :  $(100 \times 5)$  matrix

$A_3$  :  $(5 \times 50)$  matrix

a) Parenthesization  $((A_1 A_2) A_3)$  requires

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# Structure of an optimal parenthesization

$$(A_{i\dots j}) = ((A_{i\dots k}) (A_{k+1\dots j})) \quad i \leq k < j$$

Any optimal solution to the matrix-chain multiplication problem contains optimal solutions to subproblems.

Determining an optimal solution recursively:

Let  $m[i,j]$  be the **minimum number of operations** needed to compute the product  $A_{i\dots j}$ :

$$m[i,j] = 0, \quad \text{if } i = j$$

$$m[i,j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i,k] + m[k+1,j] + p_{i-1}p_kp_j\}, \quad \text{otherwise}$$

$s[i,j]$  = **optimal splitting value  $k$** , i.e. the optimal parenthesization of  $(A_{i\dots j})$  splits the product between  $A_k$  and  $A_{k+1}$

# Recursive matrix-chain multiplication

**Algorithm** *rec-mat-chain*( $p, i, j$ )

**Input:** sequence  $p = \langle p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$ ,

where  $(p_{i-1} \times p_i)$  is the dimension of matrix  $A_i$

**Invariant:** *rec-mat-chain*( $p, i, j$ ) returns  $m[i, j]$

1 **if**  $i = j$  **then return** 0

2  $m[i, j] := \infty$

3 **for**  $k := i$  **to**  $j - 1$  **do**

4      $m[i, j] := \min( m[i, j], p_{i-1} p_k p_j +$   
                          *rec-mat-chain*( $p, i, k$ ) +  
                          *rec-mat-chain*( $p, k+1, j$ ) )

5 **return**  $m[i, j]$

Initial call: *rec-mat-chain*( $p, 1, n$ )

# Recursive matrix-chain multiplication: Running time

Let  $T(n)$  be the time taken by `rec-mat-chain( $p, 1, n$ )`.

$$\begin{aligned}T(1) &\geq 1 \\T(n) &\geq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T(k) + T(n-k) + 1) \\&\geq n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) \\&\Rightarrow T(n) \geq 3^{n-1} \quad (\text{induction})\end{aligned}$$

Exponential running time!

# Matrix-chain multiplication dynamic programming

## Algorithm *dyn-mat-chain*

**Input:** sequence  $p = \langle p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$ ,  $(p_{i-1} \times p_i)$  the dimension of matrix  $A_i$

**Output:**  $m[1, n]$

1  $n := \text{length}(p) - 1$

2 **for**  $i := 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**  $m[i, i] := 0$

3 **for**  $l := 2$  **to**  $n$  **do** /\*  $l =$  length of the subproblem \*/

4 **for**  $i := 1$  **to**  $n - l + 1$  **do** /\*  $i$  is the left index \*/

5  $j := i + l - 1$  /\*  $j$  is the right index \*/

6  $m[i, j] := \infty$

7 **for**  $k := i$  **to**  $j - 1$  **do**

8  $m[i, j] := \min( m[i, j], p_{i-1} p_k p_j + m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] )$

9 **return**  $m[1, n]$

# Example



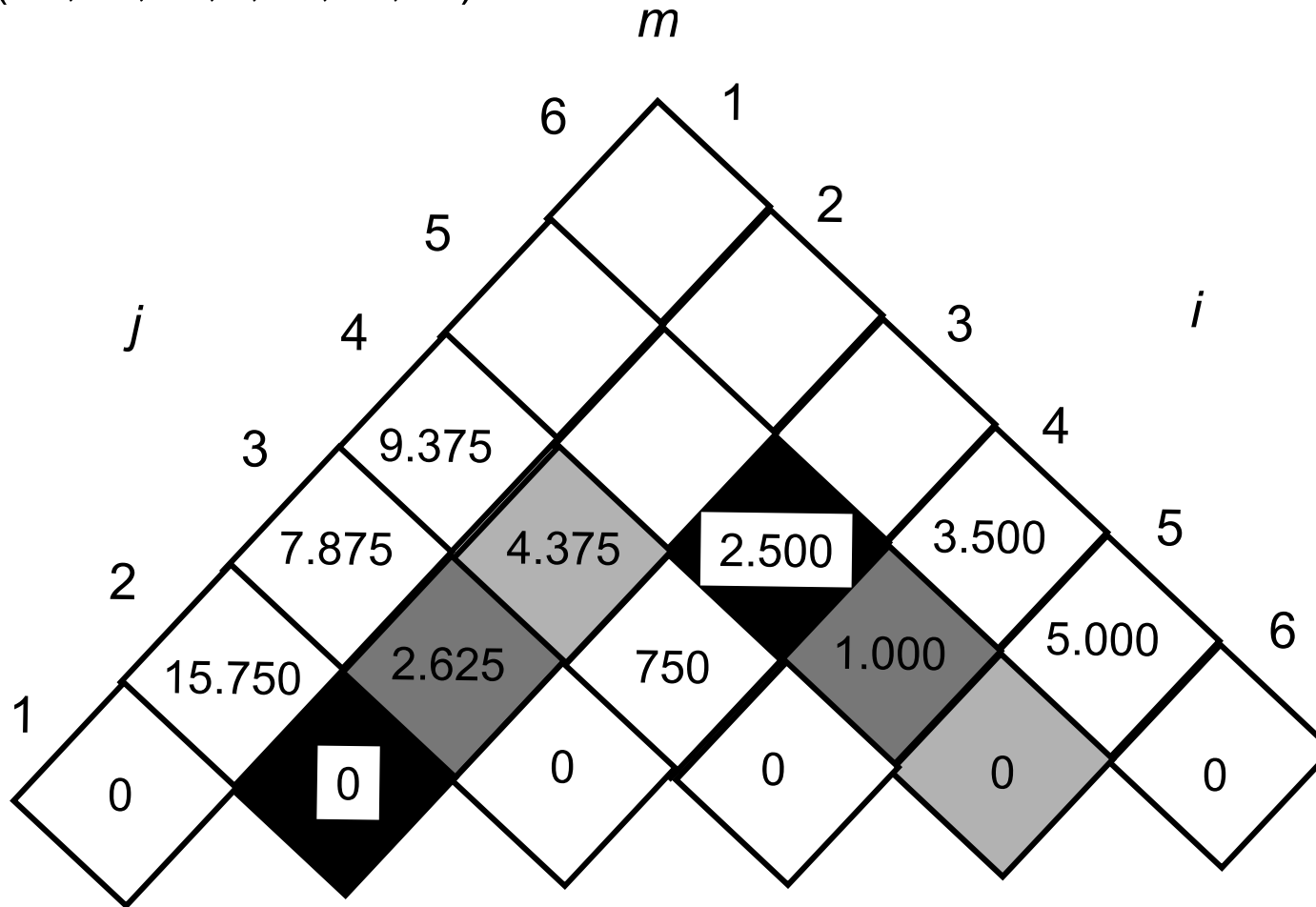
$$\begin{array}{ll} A_1 & (30 \times 35) \\ A_2 & (35 \times 15) \\ A_3 & (15 \times 5) \\ A_4 & (5 \times 10) \\ A_5 & (10 \times 20) \\ A_6 & (20 \times 25) \end{array}$$

$$p = (30, 35, 15, 5, 10, 20, 25)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} m[2,5] &= \min_{2 \leq k < 5} (m[2,k] + m[k+1,5] + p_1 p_k p_5) \\ &= \min \begin{cases} m[2,2] + m[3,5] + p_1 p_2 p_5 \\ m[2,3] + m[4,5] + p_1 p_3 p_5 \\ m[2,4] + m[5,5] + p_1 p_4 p_5 \end{cases} \\ &= \min \begin{cases} 0 + 2500 + 35 \cdot 15 \cdot 20 = 13000 \\ 2625 + 1000 + 35 \cdot 5 \cdot 20 = 7125 \\ 4375 + 0 + 35 \cdot 10 \cdot 20 = 11375 \end{cases} \\ &= 7125 \end{aligned}$$



# Matrix-chain multiplication and optimal splitting values using dynamic programming

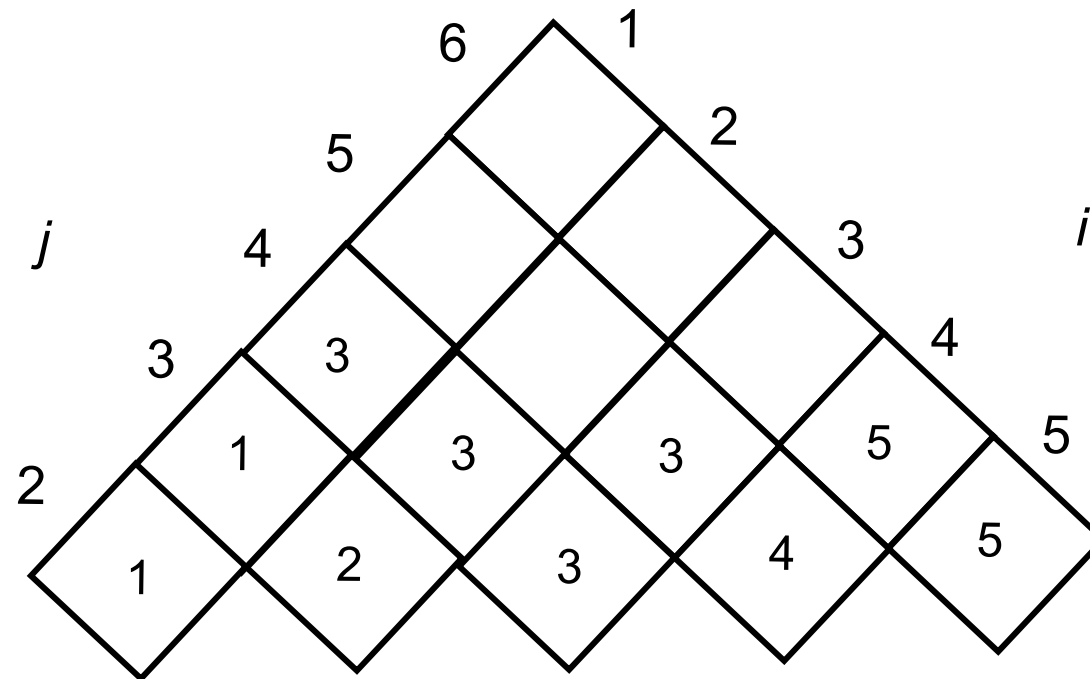
**Algorithm** *dyn-mat-chain*( $p$ )

**Input:** sequence  $p = \langle p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$ ,  $(p_{i-1} \times p_i)$  the dimension of matrix  $A_i$

**Output:**  $m[1, n]$  and a matrix  $s[i, j]$  containing the optimal splitting values

```
1  $n := \text{length}(p) - 1$ 
2 for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  $m[i, i] := 0$ 
3 for  $l := 2$  to  $n$  do
4   for  $i := 1$  to  $n - l + 1$  do
5      $j := i + l - 1$ 
6      $m[i, j] := \infty$ 
7     for  $k := i$  to  $j - 1$  do
8        $q := m[i, j]$ 
9        $m[i, j] := \min( m[i, j], p_{i-1} p_k p_j + m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] )$ 
10      if  $m[i, j] < q$  then  $s[i, j] := k$ 
11 return  $(m[1, n], s)$ 
```

# Example of splitting values



# Computation of an optimal parenthesization



## Algorithm *Opt-Parens*

**Input:** chain  $A$  of matrices, matrix  $s$  containing the optimal splitting values, two indices  $i$  and  $j$

**Output:** an optimal parenthesization of  $A_{i\dots j}$

```
1  if  $i < j$ 
2    then  $X := \text{Opt-Parens}(A, s, i, s[i, j])$ 
3          $Y := \text{Opt-Parens}(A, s, s[i, j] + 1, j)$ 
4         return  $(X \cdot Y)$ 
5  else return  $A_i$ 
```

Initial call:  $\text{Opt-Parens}(A, s, 1, n)$

# Matrix-chain multiplication using dynamic programming (top-down approach)

„*Memoization*“ for increasing the efficiency of a recursive solution:

Only the *first time* a subproblem is encountered, its **solution is computed** and then stored in a table. Each subsequent time that the subproblem is encountered, the value stored in the table is simply looked up and returned (without repeated computation!).

# Memoized matrix-chain multiplication („notepad method“)

**Algorithm** *mem-mat-chain*( $p, i, j$ )

**Invariant:** *mem-mat-chain*( $p, i, j$ ) returns  $m[i, j]$ ;  
the value is correct if  $m[i, j] < \infty$

```
1 if  $i = j$  then return 0
2 if  $m[i, j] < \infty$  then return  $m[i, j]$ 
3 for  $k := i$  to  $j - 1$  do
4      $m[i, j] := \min( m[i, j], p_{i-1} p_k p_j +$   
                         $\text{mem-mat-chain}(p, i, k) +$   
                         $\text{mem-mat-chain}(p, k + 1, j) )$ 
5 return  $m[i, j]$ 
```

# Memoized matrix-chain multiplication

Call:

```
1  $n := \text{length}(p) - 1$ 
2 for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do
3   for  $j := 1$  to  $n$  do
4      $m[i, j] := \infty$ 
5 mem-mat-ket( $p, 1, n$ )
```

The computation of all entries  $m[i, j]$  using *mem-mat-chain* takes  $O(n^3)$  time.

$O(n^2)$  entries

each entry  $m[i, j]$  is computed once

each entry  $m[i, j]$  is looked up during the computation of  $m[i', j']$  if  
 $i' = i$  and  $j' > j$  or  $j' = j$  and  $i' < i$

→  $m[i, j]$  is looked up during the computation of at most  $2n$  entries

# Remarks about matrix-chain multiplication



1. There is an algorithm that determines an optimal parenthesization in time  $O(n \log n)$ .
2. There is a linear time algorithm that determines a parenthesization using at most  $1.155 \cdot M_{opt}$  multiplications.