

# DP (cont.)

- DP is usually applied to optimization problems:
  - Find solution of optimal value.
  - Optimal value may not be unique.
- To design a DP algorithm:
  1. Characterize structure of optimal solution.
  2. Recursively define value of optimal solution.
  3. Compute value of optimal sol. (bottom-up).
  4. Construct actual optimal solution (e.g.: shortest path vs. shortest path length from 3.).

# Matrix-Chain Multiplication

- Input: sequence  $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$  of matrices.
- Output: an order to compute  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  such that the total number of scalar operations (additions and multiplications) is minimized.
  - Order to perform matrix multiplications.
  - How to parenthesize the matrix product.

# Parenthesized Products

- A fully parenthesized matrix product:
  - A single matrix or
  - Product of 2 fully parenthesized matrix products surrounded by parentheses.
- No matter the order of multiplications, final result is the same (multip. is associative).
- Example:
  - $(A1(A2(A3A4)))$
  - $(A1(((A2A3)A4)))$
  - $((A1A2)(A3A4))$
  - $((A1(A2A3))A4)$
  - $((((A1A2)A3)A4))$
- The way to parenthesize: big impact on cost of multtip:
  - $A_{p \times q}$ ,  $B_{q \times r}$ :  $AB=C_{p \times r}$  requires "pqr" operations.
- $A_i$ :  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$  size matrix.
- Want: fully parenthesize  $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$  s.t. minimize cost of multtip.

## Counting # of parenthesizations

- check all possibilities
- $P(n)$  : # of parenthesizations
  - for  $k=1, 2, \dots, n-1$  do :
    - Split  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \dots A_n$  at  $k, k+1$
    - parenthesize  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \dots A_k$  independently  
 $A_{k+1} \cdot A_{k+2} \dots A_n$

• Recurrence : 
$$P(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k)P(n-k) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

• Solution :  $P(n) = C(n-1)$

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- sequence of Catalan numbers

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

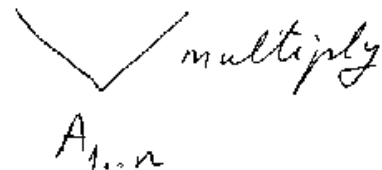
→ exponential

# 1. Structure of optimal solution

• Notation:  $A_{i..j}$   $\mapsto$  matrix obtained after evaluating product  $A_i \cdot A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$

• Optimal solution: split of  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdots A_n$  at some  $k, k+1$   
 $1 \leq k < n$ :

• first compute  $A_{1..k}$ ,  $A_{k+1..n}$



•  $A_{1..k}$ ,  $A_{k+1..n}$  must be optimal parenthesizations

$\Rightarrow$  optimal solution contains within it  
optimal solutions to subproblems

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key ingredient for applying DP!

## 2. Recursive solution :

- define value of optimal solution recursively
- subproblems: compute minimum cost of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$
- Let  $m[i, j]$  be min # scalar multiplications to compute  $A_{i..j}$

( $m[1, n]$  is optimum for  $A_{1..n}$ )

- $i = j \Rightarrow m[i, i] = 0$
- $i < j \mapsto$  have split at  $A_k, A_{k+1}, \dots, i \leq k < j$   
 $\mapsto ((A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_k) (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_j))$   
 $\mapsto m[i, j] = m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$
- but we don't know  $k$ !
  - $j-i$  possible values for  $k$ :  
 $i, i+1, \dots, j-1$
  - optimal parenthesization has one of them  
 $\Rightarrow$  check all

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

Note:  $m[i, j]$  gives cost. To obtain actual parenthesization  
define  $s[i, j] = k$  for optimal split of  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$

### 3. Computing optimal cost

- recursive algorithm to compute  $m[1, n]$   $\rightarrow$  exponential time!

- key observation:

- "few" subproblems: one for each pair  $i, j$ ,  
 $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{n}{2} + n = \Theta(n^2) \text{ subproblems}$$

- a recursive algorithm may encounter a subproblem many times

$\Rightarrow$  overlapping subproblems



key ingredient for applying DP!

- Perform 3rd step of DP: compute optimal cost  
bottom-up

$$A_i \rightarrow P_{i-1} \times P_i$$

Input:  $\langle P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n \rangle$

Data structures:
 

- table  $m[1..n, 1..n]$  to store  $m[i, j]$
- $S[1..n, 1..n]$  to store  $s[i, j]$

MCO( $p$ ) {

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

for  $i=1$  to  $n$  do  $m[i, i] = 0;$

for  $l=2$  to  $n$  do

for  $i=1$  to  $n-l+1$  do

$j = i + l - 1;$

$m[i, j] = \infty;$

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

$m[i, j] = q; S[i, j] = k$

}

I.e. • first  $m[i, i]$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$

• next ( $l=2$ ):  $m[i, i+1]$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n-1}$

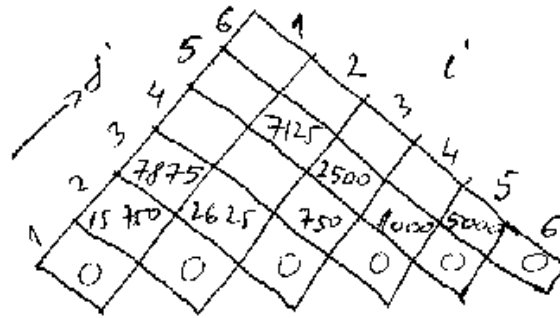
• next ( $l=3$ ):  $m[i, i+2]$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n-2}$

etc.  $\rightarrow m[i, j]$  depends on already computed  $m[i, k]$  and  $m[k+1, j]$



### Example:

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

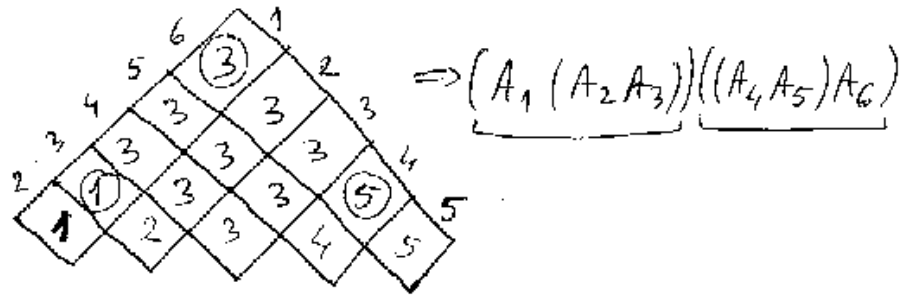


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- $p_0 = 30$
  - $p_1 = 35$
  - $p_2 = 15$
  - $p_3 = 5$
  - $p_4 = 10$
  - $p_5 = 20$
  - $p_6 = 25$

$$m[1,3] \rightarrow A_{1..2} \cdot A_3 : 15750 + 30 \cdot 15 \cdot 5$$

$$\underline{A_1 \cdot A_{2..3}} : 2625 + 30 \cdot 35 \cdot 5$$

$$m[2,5] = \min \begin{cases} m[2,2] + m[3,5] + p_1 p_2 p_5 = 13000 \\ m[2,3] + m[4,5] + p_1 p_3 p_5 = 7125 \\ m[2,4] + m[5,5] + p_1 p_4 p_5 = 11375 \end{cases}$$



4. Constructing optimal solution to have value from step 3
- how to multiply matrices?!
  - use  $S[1..n, 1..n]$
  - $S[i, j]$  records  $k, i \leq k < j$ , for optimal parenthesization of  $A_{i..j}$
  - final multiplication in  $A_{1..n}$  is  $A_{1..S(1,n)} A_{S(1,n)+1..n}$

## Elements of Dynamic Programming

→ when to look for a DP solution

### • Optimal substructure

- optimal solution contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems
- to show optimality of subproblems  
→ proof by contradiction

### • Overlapping subproblems

- # of distinct subproblems is polynomial
- solve each subproblem once

• Next class: All pairs shortest paths.