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# Combinatorial Optimization

## CSE 301

Lecture 2  
Dynamic Programming

# Dynamic Programming

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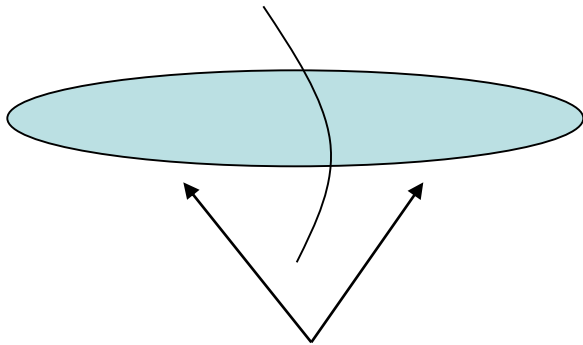
- An algorithm design technique (like divide and conquer)
- Divide and conquer
  - Partition the problem into independent subproblems
  - Solve the subproblems recursively
  - Combine the solutions to solve the original problem

# DP - Two key ingredients

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- Two key ingredients for an optimization problem to be suitable for a dynamic-programming solution:

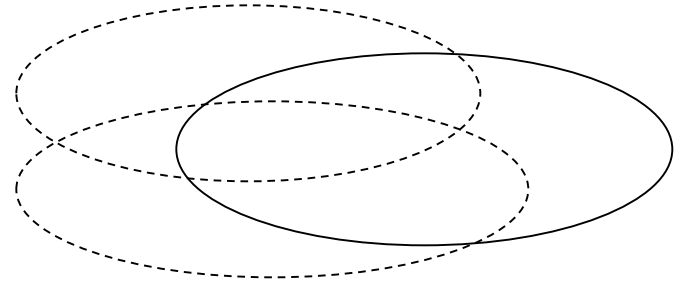
1. optimal substructures



Each substructure is optimal.

(Principle of optimality)

2. overlapping subproblems



Subproblems are dependent.

(otherwise, a divide-and-conquer approach is the choice.)

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

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- Suppose we have a sequence or chain  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  of  $n$  matrices to be multiplied
  - That is, we want to compute the product  $A_1A_2\dots A_n$
- There are many possible ways (parenthesizations) to compute the product

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

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- Example: consider the chain  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  of 4 matrices
  - Let us compute the product  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$
- There are 5 possible ways:
  1.  $(A_1(A_2(A_3A_4)))$
  2.  $(A_1((A_2A_3)A_4))$
  3.  $((A_1A_2)(A_3A_4))$
  4.  $((A_1(A_2A_3))A_4)$
  5.  $((((A_1A_2)A_3)A_4))$

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

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- To compute the number of scalar multiplications necessary, we must know:
  - Algorithm to multiply two matrices
  - Matrix dimensions
- Can you write the algorithm to multiply two matrices?

# Algorithm to Multiply 2 Matrices

**Input:** Matrices  $A_{p \times q}$  and  $B_{q \times r}$  (with dimensions  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$ )

**Result:** Matrix  $C_{p \times r}$  resulting from the product  $A \cdot B$

**MATRIX-MULTIPLY**( $A_{p \times q}, B_{q \times r}$ )

1. **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $p$
2.       **for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $r$
3.                $C[i, j] \leftarrow 0$
4.               **for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $q$
5.                        $C[i, j] \leftarrow C[i, j] + A[i, k] \cdot B[k, j]$
6. **return**  $C$

Scalar multiplication in line 5 dominates time to compute  $C$   
Number of scalar multiplications =  $pqr$

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

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- Example: Consider three matrices  $A_{10 \times 100}$ ,  $B_{100 \times 5}$ , and  $C_{5 \times 50}$
- There are 2 ways to parenthesize

–  $((AB)C) = D_{10 \times 5} \cdot C_{5 \times 50}$

- $AB \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5,000$  scalar multiplications

- $DC \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2,500$  scalar multiplications

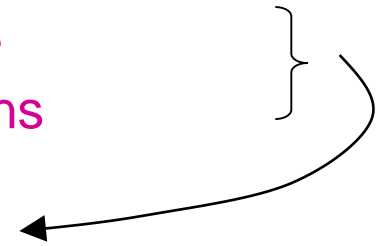
} Total:  
7,500

–  $(A(BC)) = A_{10 \times 100} \cdot E_{100 \times 50}$

- $BC \Rightarrow 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25,000$  scalar multiplications

- $AE \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50,000$  scalar multiplications

Total:  
75,000





# Matrix-Chain Multiplication

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- Given a chain of matrices  $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$ , where for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  matrix  $A_i$  has dimensions  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$ , fully parenthesize the product  $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdots A_n$  in a way that minimizes the number of scalar multiplications.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} A_1 & \cdot & A_2 & \cdots & A_i & \cdot & A_{i+1} & \cdots & A_n \\ p_0 \times p_1 & & p_1 \times p_2 & & p_{i-1} \times p_i & & p_i \times p_{i+1} & & p_{n-1} \times p_n \end{array}$$

## 2. A Recursive Solution

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- Consider the subproblem of parenthesizing

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

$$= \underbrace{A_{i\dots k}}_{m[i,k]} \underbrace{A_{k+1\dots j}}_{m[k+1,j]} \quad \text{for } i \leq k < j$$

$p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

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

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

min # of multiplications  
to compute  $A_{i\dots k}$

min # of multiplications  
to compute  $A_{k+1\dots j}$

# of multiplications  
to compute  $A_{i\dots k}A_{k\dots j}$

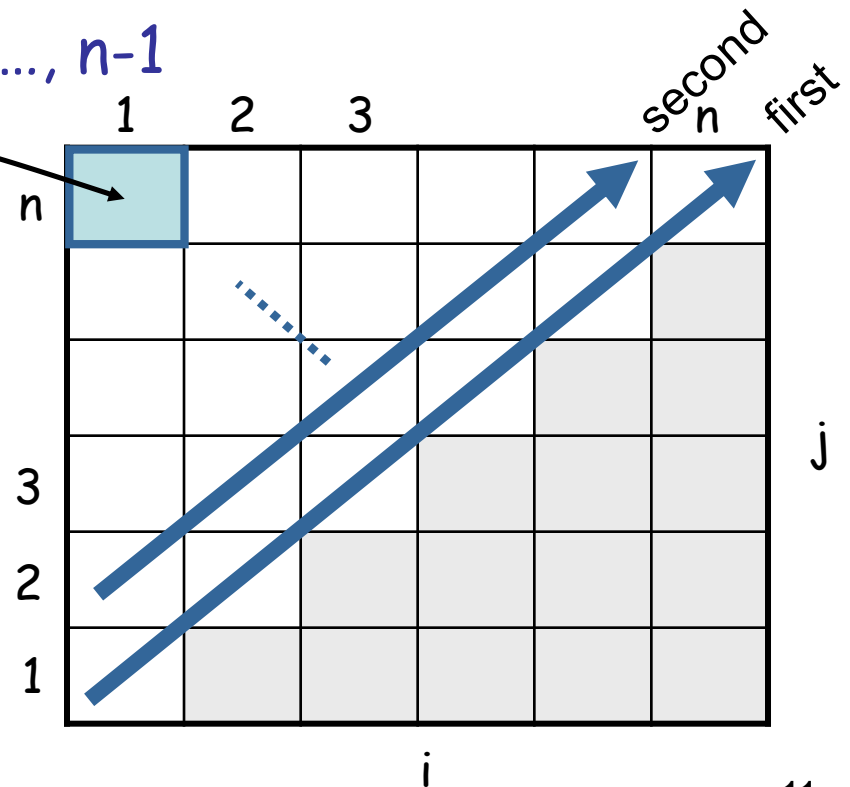
# 3. Computing the Optimal Costs

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

- Length = 1:  $i = j, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Length = 2:  $j = i + 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

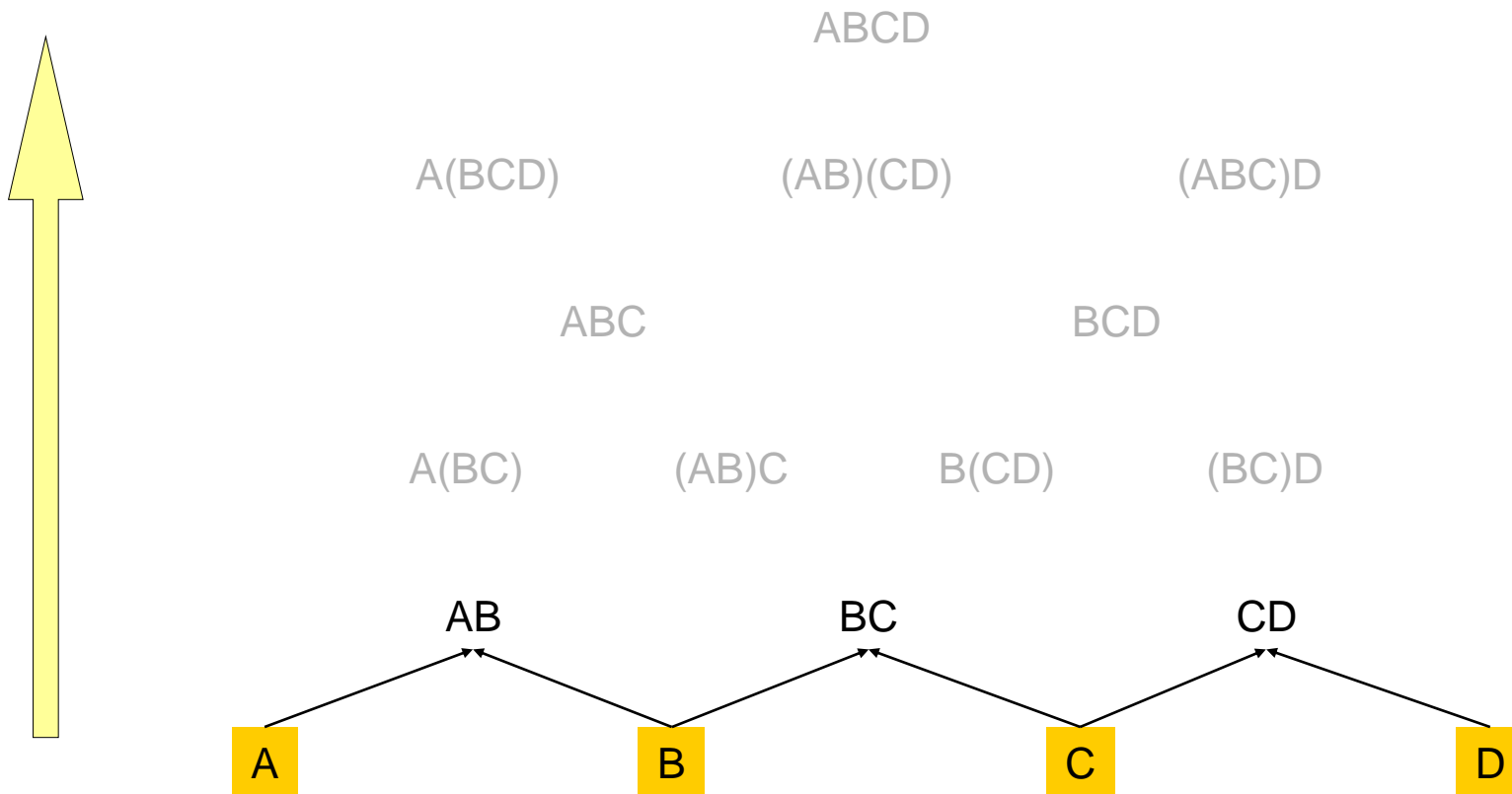
$m[1, n]$  gives the optimal solution to the problem

Compute rows from bottom to top and from left to right  
 In a similar matrix  $s$  we keep the optimal values of  $k$



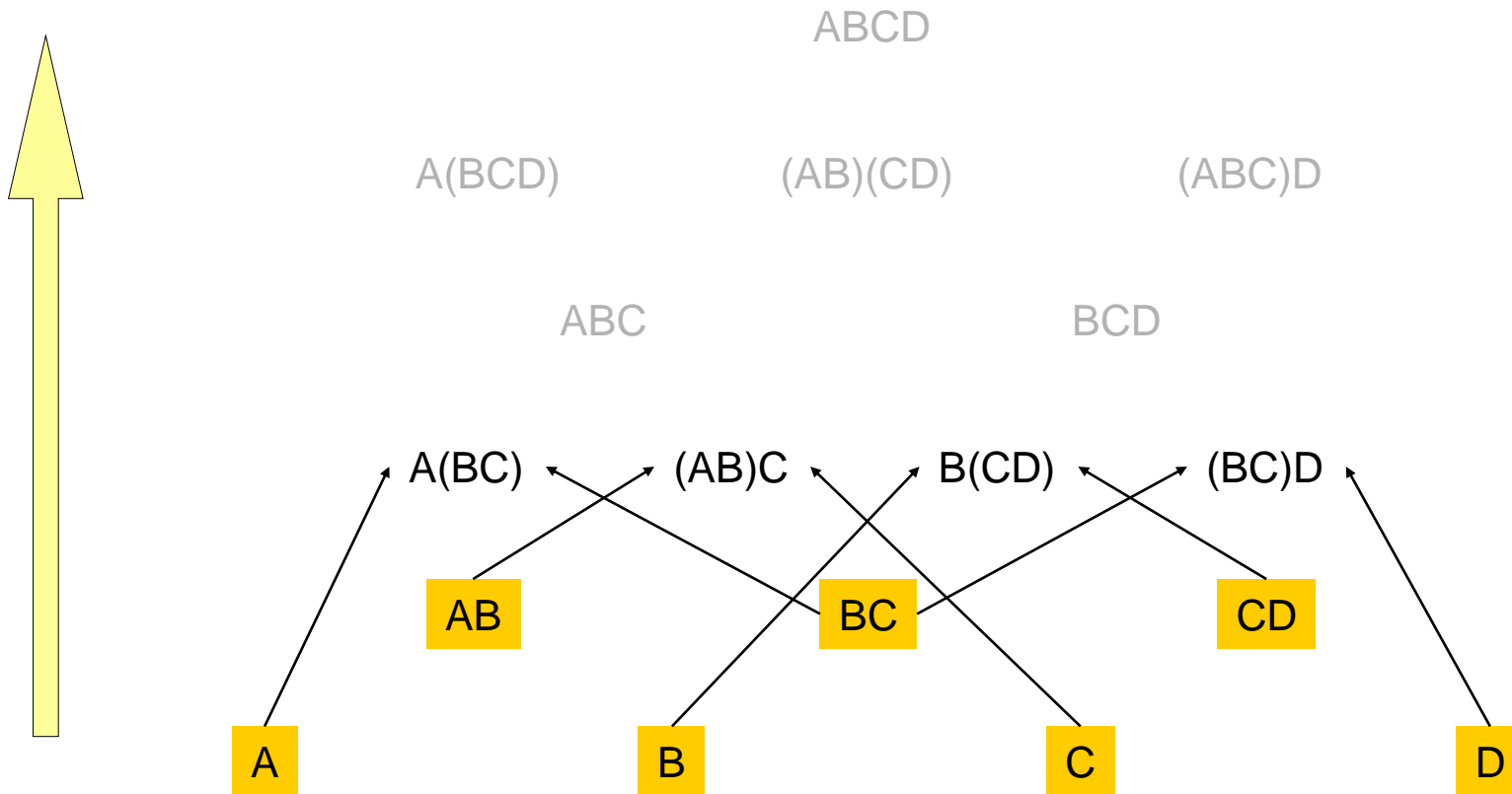
# Multiply 4 Matrices: $A \times B \times C \times D$ (1)

- Compute the costs in the bottom-up manner
  - First we consider AB, BC, CD
  - No need to consider AC or BD



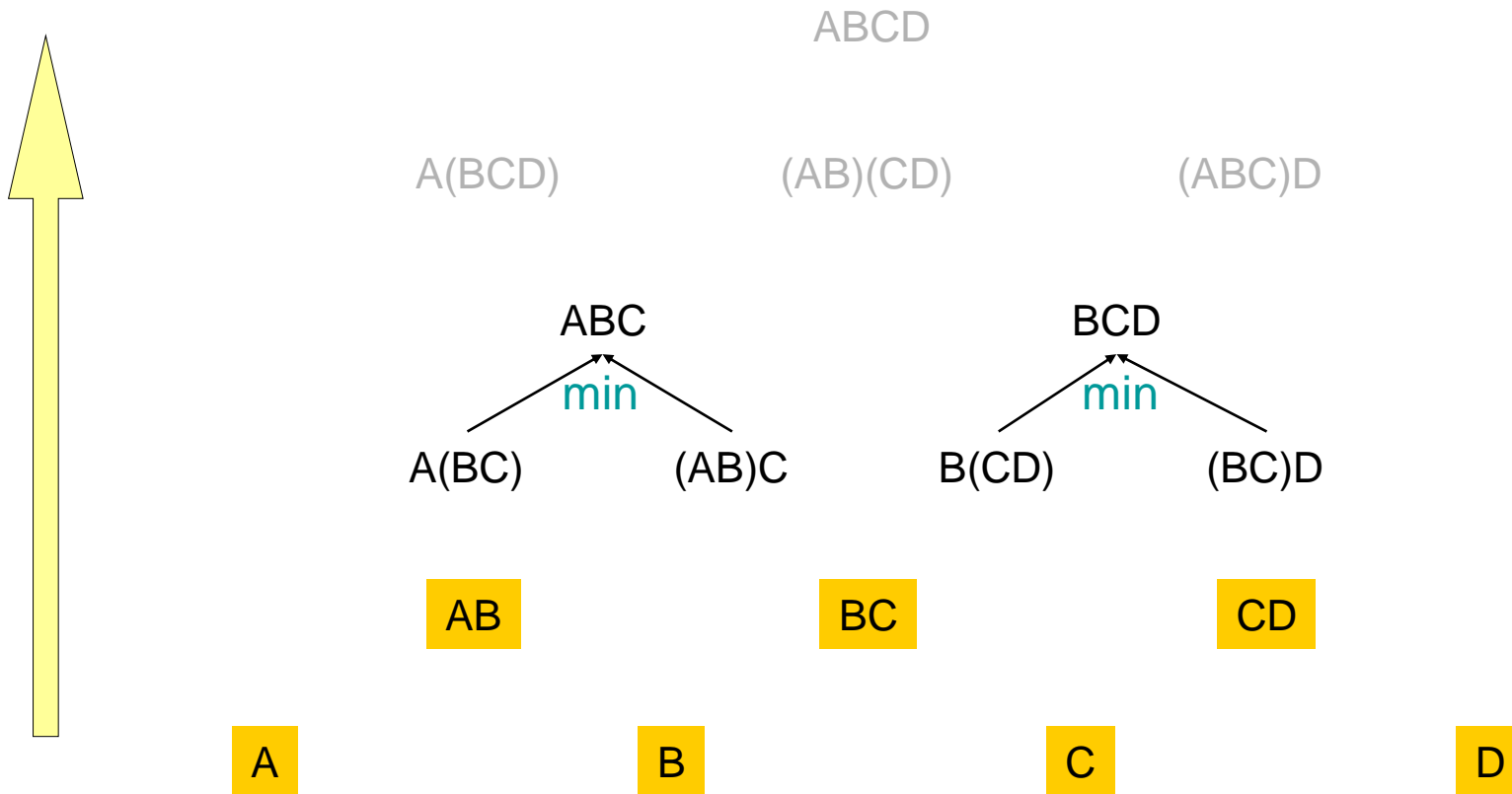
# Multiply 4 Matrices: $A \times B \times C \times D$ (2)

- Compute the costs in the bottom-up manner
  - Then we consider  $A(BC)$ ,  $(AB)C$ ,  $B(CD)$ ,  $(BC)D$
  - No need to consider  $(AB)D$ ,  $A(CD)$



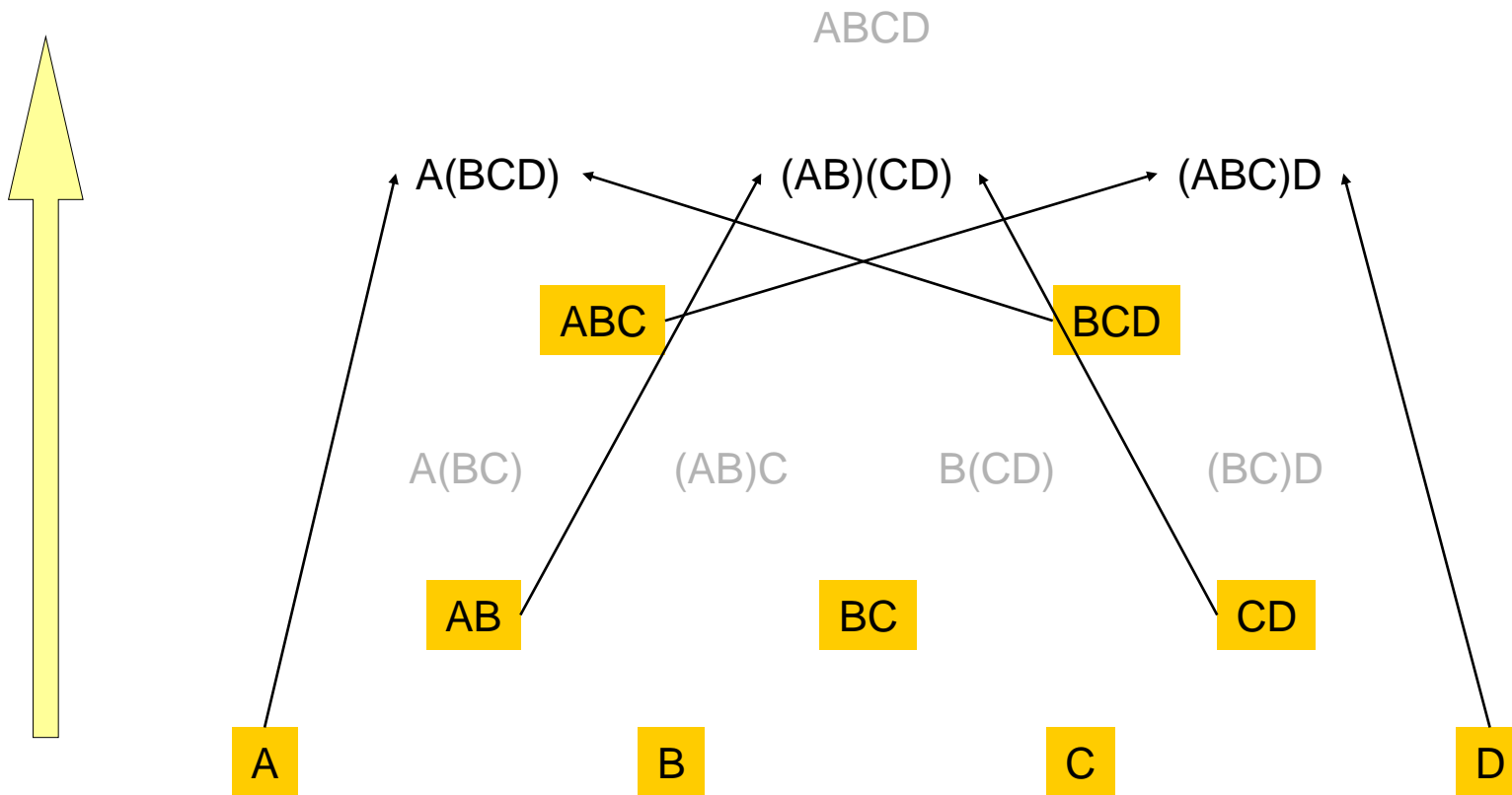
# Multiply 4 Matrices: $A \times B \times C \times D$ (3)

- Compute the costs in the bottom-up manner
- Select minimum cost matrix calculations of ABC & BCD



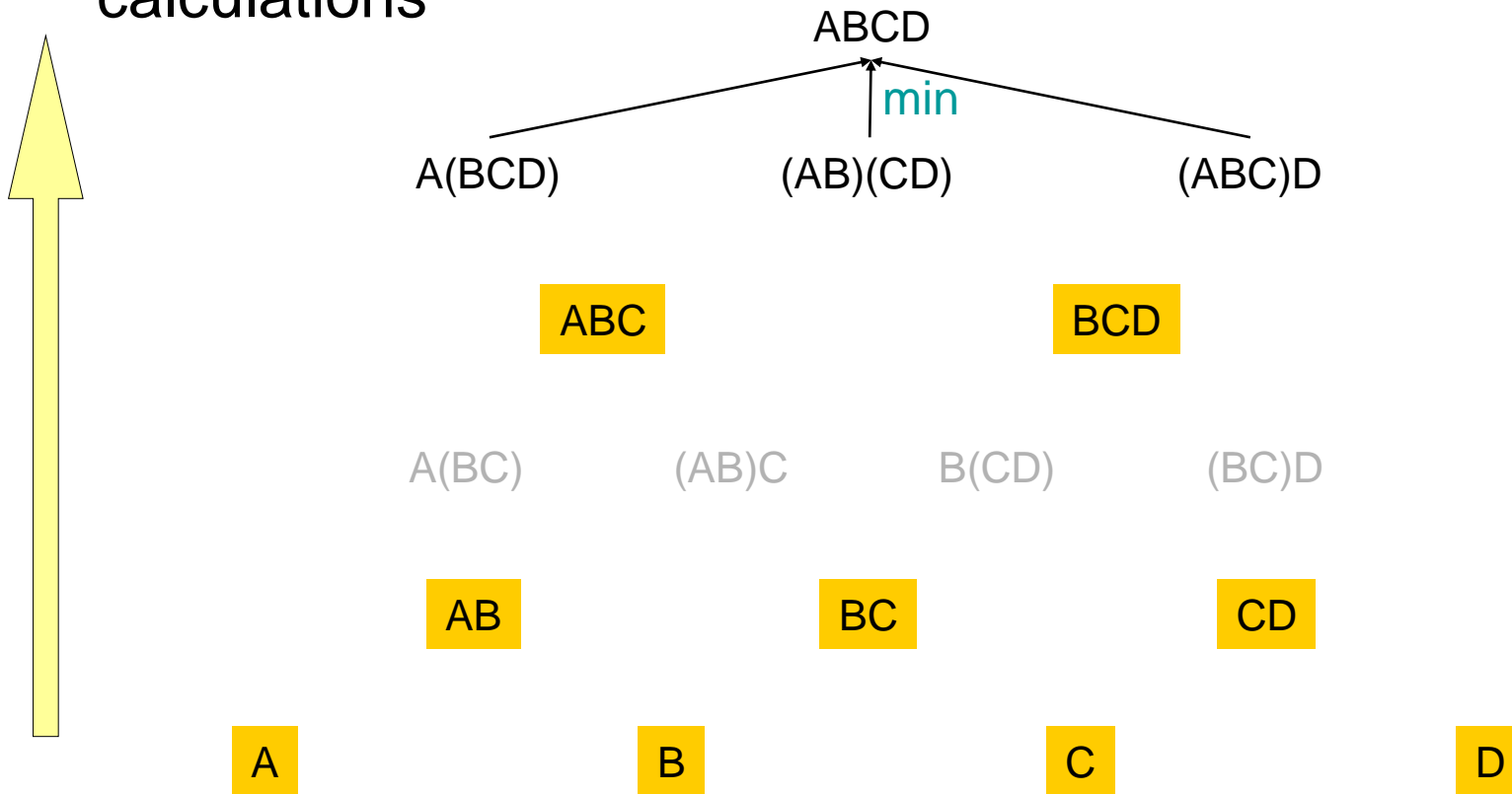
# Multiply 4 Matrices: $A \times B \times C \times D$ (4)

- Compute the costs in the bottom-up manner
  - We now consider  $A(BCD)$ ,  $(AB)(CD)$ ,  $(ABC)D$



# Multiply 4 Matrices: $A \times B \times C \times D$ (5)

- Compute the costs in the bottom-up manner
  - Finally choose the cheapest cost plan for matrix calculations

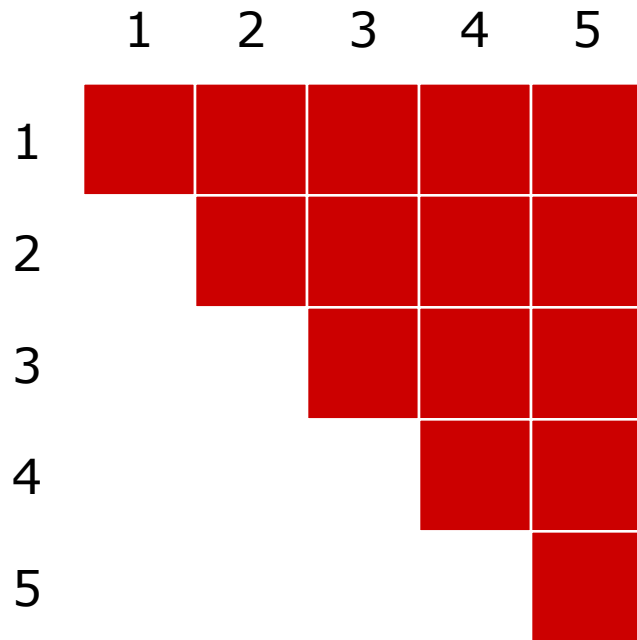




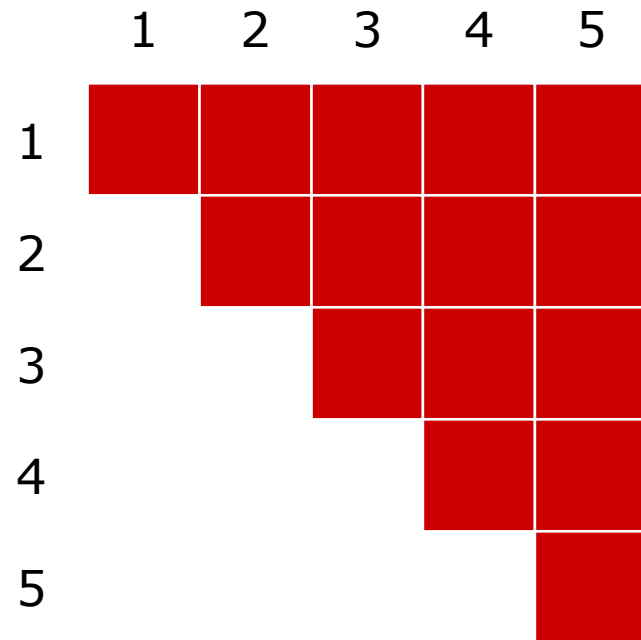
# Example: Step 1

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- $q = 5, \quad r = (10, 5, 1, 10, 2, 10)$ 
  - $[10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$



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



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

# Example: Step 2

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- $s = 0, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$
- $c(i,i) = 0$

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

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

	1	2	3	4	5
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

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

# Example: Step 3

- $s = 0, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$
- $c(i, i+1) = r_i r_{i+1} r_{i+2}$
- $kay(i, i+1) = i$

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

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

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

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

# Example: Step 4

- $s = 1, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$
- $c(i, i+2) = \min\{c(i, i) + c(i+1, i+2) + r_i r_{i+1} r_{i+3},$   
 $c(i, i+1) + c(i+2, i+2) + r_i r_{i+2} r_{i+3}\}$

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

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

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

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

# Example: Step 5

- $s = 1, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$
- $c(2,4) = \min\{c(2,2) + c(3,4) + r_2 r_3 r_5, c(2,3) + c(4,4) + r_2 r_4 r_5\}$
- $c(3,5) = \dots$

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

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

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

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

# Example: Step 6

- $s = 2, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$
- $c(i,i+3) = \min\{c(i,i) + c(i+1,i+3) + r_i r_{i+1} r_{i+4},$   
 $c(i,i+1) + c(i+2,i+3) + r_i r_{i+2} r_{i+4},$   
 $c(i,i+2) + c(i+3,i+3) + r_i r_{i+3} r_{i+4}\}$

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

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

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

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

# Example: Step 7

–  $s = 3, [10 \times 5] \times [5 \times 1] \times [1 \times 10] \times [10 \times 2] \times [2 \times 10]$

–  $c(i, i+4) = \min\{c(i, i) + c(i+1, i+4) + r_i r_{i+1} r_{i+5},$

$c(i, i+1) + c(i+2, i+4) + r_i r_{i+2} r_{i+5}, c(i, i+2) + c(i+3, i+4) +$   
 $r_i r_{i+3} r_{i+5}, c(i, i+3) + c(i+4, i+4) + r_i r_{i+4} r_{i+5}\}$

	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

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

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

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

# Example: Step 8

- Optimal multiplication sequence

- $\text{kay}(1,5) = 2$

- ▶  $M_{15} = M_{12} \times M_{35}$

	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

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

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

$\text{kay}(i,j), i \leq j$



# Example: Step 9

- $M_{15} = M_{12} \times M_{35}$
- $\text{kay}(1,2) = 1 \blacktriangleright M_{12} = M_{11} \times M_{22}$
- $\rightarrow M_{15} = (M_{11} \times M_{22}) \times M_{35}$

	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

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

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

$\text{kay}(i,j), i \leq j$

# Example: Step 10

- $M_{15} = (M_{11} \times M_{22}) \times M_{35}$
- $\text{Kay}(3,5) = 4 \blacktriangleright M_{35} = M_{34} \times M_{55}$
- $\rightarrow M_{15} = (M_{11} \times M_{22}) \times (M_{34} \times M_{55})$

	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

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

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

$\text{kay}(i,j), i \leq j$

# Example: Step 11

- $M_{15} = (M_{11} \times M_{22}) \times (M_{34} \times M_{55})$
- $\text{Kay}(3,4) = 3 \blacktriangleright M_{34} = M_{33} \times M_{44}$
- $M_{15} = (M_{11} \times M_{22}) \times ((M_{33} \times M_{44}) \times M_{55})$

	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

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

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

$\text{kay}(i,j), i \leq j$

# Memoization

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- Top-down approach with the efficiency of typical dynamic programming approach
- Maintaining an entry in a table for the solution to each subproblem
  - **memoize** the inefficient recursive algorithm
- When a subproblem is first encountered its solution is computed and stored in that table
- Subsequent “calls” to the subproblem simply look up that value

# Memoized Matrix-Chain

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*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( $p, 1, n$ ) ← Top-down approach

Initialize the  $m$  table with large values that indicate whether the values of  $m[i, j]$  have been computed

# Memoized Matrix-Chain

*Alg.:* LOOKUP-CHAIN( $p, i, j$ )

Running time is  $O(n^3)$

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**  $q \leftarrow$  LOOKUP-CHAIN( $p, i, k$ ) +  
                    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**  $m[i, j]$

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

# Dynamic Programming vs. Memoization

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- Advantages of dynamic programming vs. memoized algorithms
  - No overhead for recursion, less overhead for maintaining the table
  - The regular pattern of table accesses may be used to reduce time or space requirements
- Advantages of memoized algorithms vs. dynamic programming
  - Some subproblems do not need to be solved
  - Easier to implement and to think