

Optimal binary search tree

Problem: we are given sorted keys k_1, \dots, k_n , and probabilities p_1, \dots, p_n that key i will be accessed at any point in time. Construct a binary search tree T that minimizes

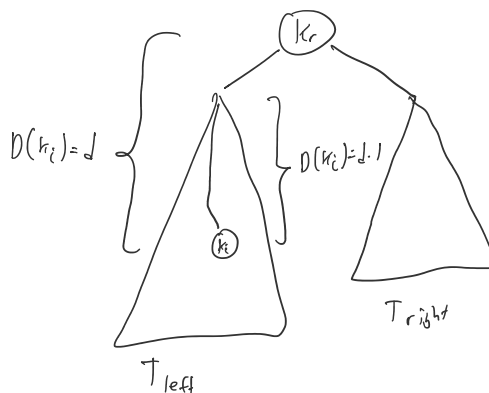
$$C(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (\overbrace{\text{Depth}(T, k_i)}^{\text{Distance from root to key } k_i} + 1)$$

expected cost to find a key in tree by going down.

Let $D(T, k) = \text{Depth}(T, k)$ for brevity.

Let T be an optimal tree with root k_r .

$$\begin{aligned} C(T) &= p_r + \underbrace{\sum_{a=1}^{r-1} p_a (D(T, k_a) + 1)}_{\text{left subtree}} + \underbrace{\sum_{a=r+1}^n p_a (D(T, k_a) + 1)}_{\text{right subtree}} \\ &= p_r + \sum_{a=1}^{r-1} p_a + \sum_{a=1}^{r-1} p_a D(T, k_a) + \sum_{a=r+1}^n p_a + \sum_{a=r+1}^n p_a D(T, k_a) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^n p_a + \sum_{a=1}^{r-1} p_a (D(T_{\text{left}}, k_a) + 1) + \sum_{a=r+1}^n p_a (D(T_{\text{right}}, k_a) + 1) \\ &= \sum_{a=1}^n p_a + C(T_{\text{left}}) + C(T_{\text{right}}) \end{aligned}$$



Recurrence: $C[i, j] =$ cost of optimal binary search tree on keys k_i, \dots, k_j .

$$C[i,j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j < i \text{ (tree is empty)} \\ p_i & \text{if } i=j \text{ (tree is single node)} \\ \left(\sum_{a=i}^j p_a \right) + \min_r \{ C[i,r-1] + C[r+1,j] \} & \end{cases} \text{ base cases}$$

↑ minimum over possible choices of root

Want: $C[1,n]$. Can fill $C[i,j]$ matrix in increasing order of $j-i$.

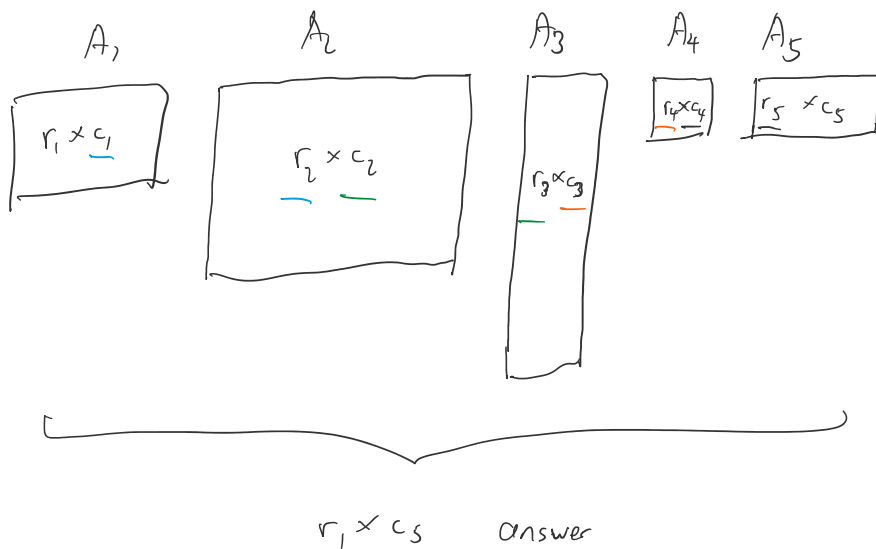
$C[i,j]$

					p_6
				p_5	0
			p_4	0	0
		p_3	0	0	0
	p_2	0	0	0	0
p_1	0	0	0	0	0

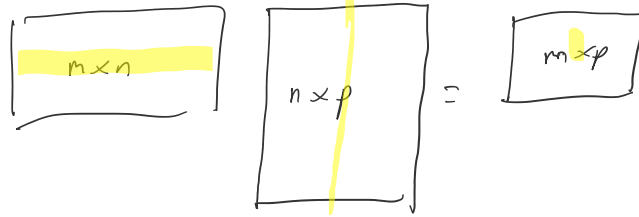
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Matrix-chain multiplication

Want to multiply matrices A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n :



Cost of multiplication:



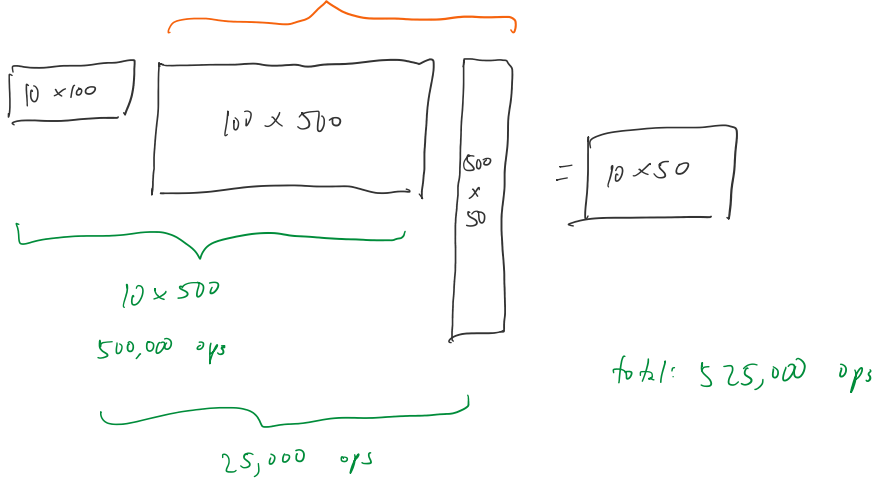
$m \times n \times p$ multiplications

But $(A_1, A_2)(A_3, A_4)(A_5, A_6) = (A_1, (A_2 A_3))(A_4, (A_5 A_6)) = \dots$

All multiplication orders give same results, but take different amounts of time.



Ex.



DP recurrence: $OPT(i, j) = OPT(i, t-1) + OPT(t, j) + r_i c_{t-1} c_j$ + multiplying the two matrices

$$OPT(i, j) = \min_{i \leq t \leq j} \{ OPT(i, t-1) + OPT(t, j) + r_i c_{t-1} c_j \}$$

Base case: $OPT(i, i+1) = \text{mul}(A_i, A_{i+1}) = r_i c_i c_{i+1}$.