

CS473 - Algorithms I



Lecture 10

Dynamic Programming

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Introduction

- An algorithm design paradigm like divide-and-conquer
- “**Programming**”: A tabular method (not writing computer code)
 - Older sense of planning or scheduling, typically by filling in a table
- **Divide-and-Conquer (DAC)**: subproblems are independent
- **Dynamic Programming (DP)**: subproblems are not independent
- **Overlapping subproblems**: subproblems share sub-subproblems
 - In solving problems with overlapping subproblems
 - A DAC algorithm **does redundant** work
 - Repeatedly solves common subproblems
 - A DP algorithm solves each problem just once
 - **Saves** its result **in a table**

Example: Fibonacci Numbers (Recursive Solution)

Reminder:

$F(0) = 0$ and $F(1) = 1$

$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$

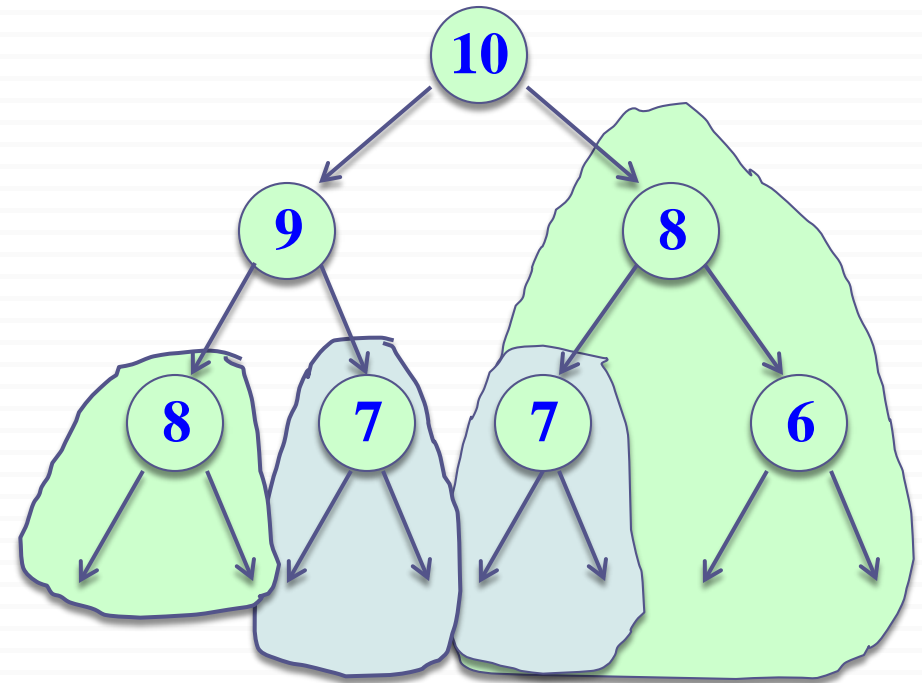
REC-FIBO(n)

if $n < 2$

return n

else

return $\text{REC-FIBO}(n-1)$
+ $\text{REC-FIBO}(n-2)$



Overlapping subproblems in different recursive calls. Repeated work!

Example: Fibonacci Numbers (Recursive Solution)

Recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 1$$

→ exponential runtime

Recursive algorithm inefficient because it recomputes the same $F(i)$ repeatedly in different branches of the recursion tree.

Example: Fibonacci Numbers (Bottom-up Computation)

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ITER-FIBO(n)

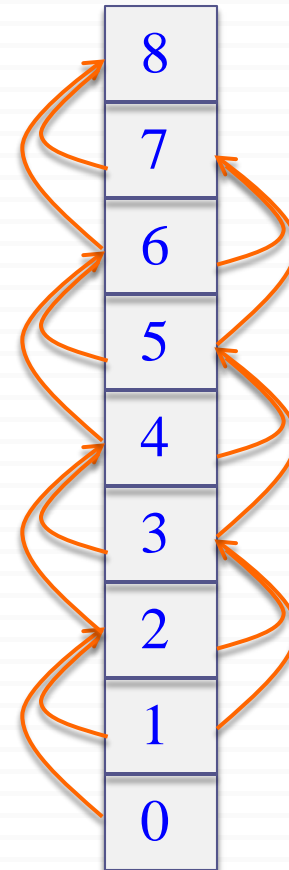
$$F[0] = 0$$

$$F[1] = 1$$

for $i = 2$ **to** n **do**

$$F[i] = F[i-1] + F[i-2]$$

return $F[n]$



Runtime: $\Theta(n)$

Optimization Problems

- **DP** typically applied to optimization problems
- In an optimization problem
 - There are many possible solutions (feasible solutions)
 - Each solution has a value
 - Want to find an optimal solution to the problem
 - A solution with the optimal value (min or max value)
 - Wrong to say “**the**” optimal solution to the problem
 - There may be several solutions with the same optimal value

Development of a DP Algorithm

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 in a bottom-up fashion
4. Construct an optimal solution from the information computed in Step 3

Example: Matrix-chain Multiplication

- **Input**: a sequence (chain) $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$ of n matrices
- **Aim**: compute the product $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$
- 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 a pair of parentheses.

$$(A_i(A_{i+1}A_{i+2} \dots A_j))$$

$$((A_iA_{i+1}A_{i+2} \dots A_{j-1})A_j)$$

$$((A_iA_{i+1}A_{i+2} \dots A_k)(A_{k+1}A_{k+2} \dots A_j)) \quad \text{for } i \leq k < j$$

- *All parenthesizations yield the same product; matrix product is associative*

Matrix-chain Multiplication: An Example

Parenthesization

- *Input*: $\langle A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 \rangle$
- 5 distinct ways of full parenthesization

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

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

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

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

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

- The way we parenthesize a chain of matrices can have a dramatic effect on the cost of computing the product

Reminder: Matrix Multiplication

MATRIX-MULTIPLY(A, B)

if cols[A] \neq rows[B] **then**
error("incompatible dimensions")

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

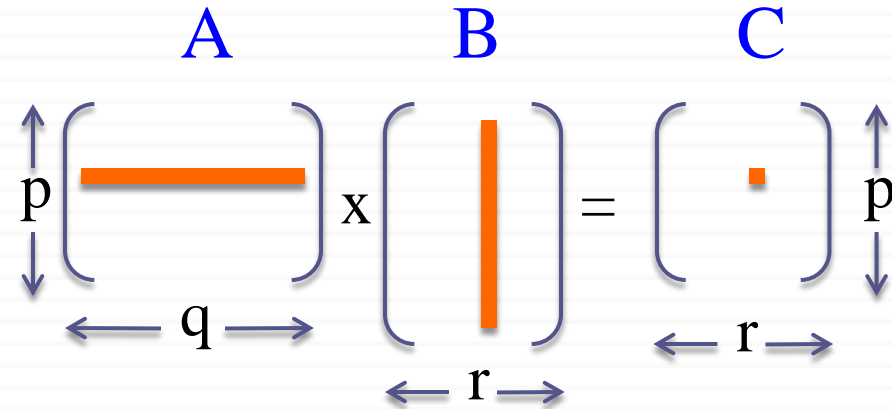
for $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** cols[B] **do**

$C[i,j] \leftarrow 0$

for $k \leftarrow 1$ **to** cols[A] **do**

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

return C



$$\text{rows}(A) = p$$

$$\text{cols}(A) = q$$

$$\text{rows}(B) = q$$

$$\text{cols}(B) = r$$

$$\text{rows}(C) = p$$

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A: $p \times q$

B: $q \times r$

C: $p \times r$

of mult-add ops

= rows[A] x cols[B] x cols[A]

of mult-add ops = $p \times q \times r$

Matrix Chain Multiplication: Example

$A_1: 10 \times 100$

$A_2: 100 \times 5$

$A_3: 5 \times 50$

Which paranthesization is better? $(A_1A_2)A_3$ or $A_1(A_2A_3)$?

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ A_1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 100 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ A_2 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ A_1A_2 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

of ops: $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5000$

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ A_1A_2 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ A_3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ A_1A_2A_3 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

of ops: $10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2500$

Total # of ops: 7500

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of ops: $100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25000$

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ A_1 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} 100 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ A_2A_3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ A_1A_2A_3 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

of ops: $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50000$

Total # of ops: 75000

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In summary: $(A_1A_2)A_3 \rightarrow$ # of multiply-add ops: 7500

$A_1(A_2A_3) \rightarrow$ # of multiple-add ops: 75000

\rightarrow First paranthesization yields 10x faster computation

Matrix-chain Multiplication Problem

Input: A chain $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$ of n matrices,
where A_i is a $p_{i-1} \times p_i$ matrix

Objective: Fully parenthesize the product

$$A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot \dots \cdot A_n$$

such that the number of scalar mult-adds is minimized.

Counting the Number of Parenthesizations

- **Brute force approach**: exhaustively check all parenthesizations
- $P(n)$: # of parenthesizations of a sequence of n matrices
- We can split sequence between k^{th} and $(k+1)^{\text{st}}$ matrices for any $k=1, 2, \dots, n-1$, then parenthesize the two resulting sequences independently, i.e.,

$$(A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_k) \downarrow (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$$

- We obtain the recurrence

$$P(1) = 1 \text{ and } P(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k)P(n-k)$$

Number of Parenthesizations: $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k)P(n-k)$

- The recurrence generates the sequence of **Catalan Numbers**
- Solution is $P(n) = C(n-1)$ where

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

- The number of solutions is exponential in n
- Therefore, brute force approach is a poor strategy

The Structure of Optimal Parenthesization

Notation: $A_{i..j}$: The matrix that results from evaluation of the product: $A_i A_{i+1} A_{i+2} \dots A_j$

Observation: Consider the last multiplication operation in any parenthesization: $(A_1 A_2 \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$

There is a k value ($1 \leq k < n$) such that:

First, the product $A_{1..k}$ is computed

Then, the product $A_{k+1..n}$ is computed

Finally, the matrices $A_{1..k}$ and $A_{k+1..n}$ are multiplied

Step 1: Characterize the structure of an optimal solution

- An optimal parenthesization of product $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ will be:
 $(A_1 A_2 \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$ for some k value
- The cost of this optimal parenthesization will be:
 - Cost of computing $A_{1..k}$
 - + Cost of computing $A_{k+1..n}$
 - + Cost of multiplying $A_{1..k} \cdot A_{k+1..n}$

Step 1: Characterize the Structure of an Optimal Solution

- **Key observation**: Given optimal parenthesization

$$(A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$$

- Parenthesization of the subchain $A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_k$
 - Parenthesization of the subchain $A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n$
- should both be optimal

Thus, optimal solution to an instance of the problem contains optimal solutions to subproblem instances

i.e., **optimal substructure** within an optimal solution exists.

Step 2: A Recursive Solution

Step 2: Define the value of an optimal solution recursively in terms of optimal solutions to the subproblems

Assume we are trying to determine the min cost of computing $A_{i..j}$

$m_{i,j}$: min # of scalar multiply-add opns needed to compute $A_{i..j}$

Note: The optimal cost of the original problem: $m_{1,n}$

How to compute $m_{i,j}$ recursively?

Step 2: A recursive Solution

Base case: $m_{i,i} = 0$ (single matrix, no multiplication)

Let the size of matrix A_i be $(p_{i-1} \times p_i)$

Consider an optimal parenthesization of chain $A_i \dots A_j$:

$$(A_i \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} \dots A_j)$$

The optimal cost:

$$m_{i,j} = m_{i,k} + m_{k+1,j} + p_{i-1} \times p_k \times p_j$$

where: $m_{i,k}$: Optimal cost of computing $A_{i..k}$
 $m_{k+1,j}$: Optimal cost of computing $A_{k+1..j}$
 $p_{i-1} \times p_k \times p_j$: Cost of multiplying $A_{i..k}$ and $A_{k+1..j}$

Step 2: A Recursive Solution

In an optimal parenthesization:

k must be chosen to minimize m_{ij}

The recursive formulation for m_{ij} :

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=j \\ \text{MIN}_{i \leq k < j} \{ m_{ik} + m_{k+1,j} + p_{i-1} p_k p_j \} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Step 2: A Recursive Solution

- The m_{ij} values give the costs of optimal solutions to subproblems
- In order to keep track of how to construct an optimal solution
 - Define s_{ij} to be the value of k which yields the optimal split of the subchain $A_{i..j}$

That is, $s_{ij} = k$ such that

$$m_{ij} = m_{ik} + m_{k+1,j} + p_{i-1}p_k p_j \quad \text{holds}$$

Direct Recursion: Inefficient!

Recursive matrix-chain order

RMC(p, i, j)

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

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow \text{RMC}(p, i, k) + \text{RMC}(p, k+1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

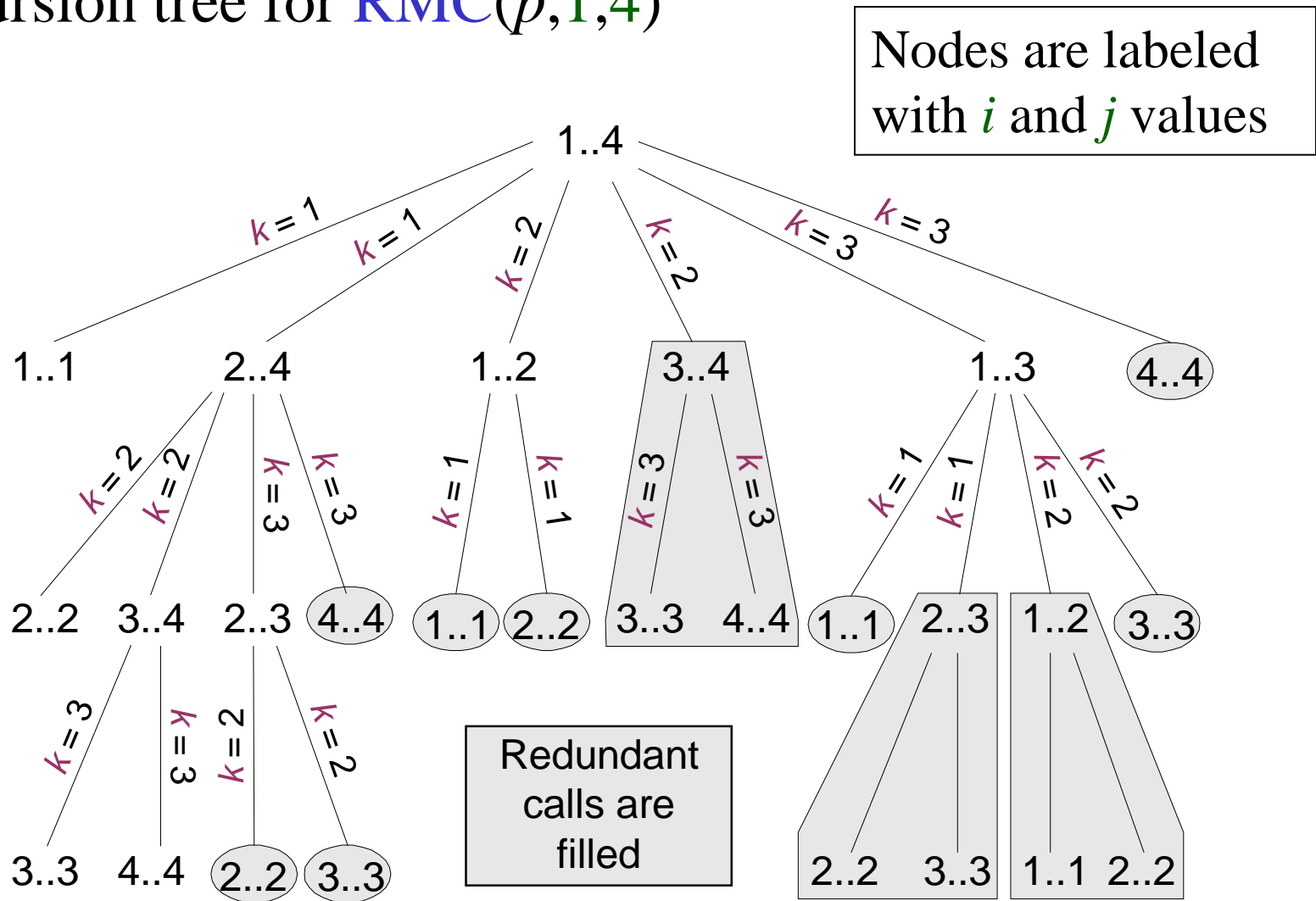
if $q < m[i, j]$ **then**

$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$

Direct Recursion: Inefficient!

Recursion tree for $RMC(p, 1, 4)$



Computing the Optimal Cost (Matrix-Chain Multiplication)

An important observation:

- We have **relatively few subproblems**
 - one problem for each choice of i and j satisfying $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$
 - total $n + (n-1) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) = \Theta(n^2)$ subproblems
- We can write a **recursive** algorithm based on recurrence.
- However, a recursive algorithm may encounter each subproblem many times in different branches of the recursion tree
- This property, **overlapping subproblems**, is the **second important feature** for applicability of **dynamic programming**

Computing the Optimal Cost (Matrix-Chain Multiplication)

Compute the value of an optimal solution in a **bottom-up** fashion

- matrix A_i has dimensions $p_{i-1} \times p_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- the input is a sequence $\langle p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$ where $\text{length}[p] = n + 1$

Procedure uses the following auxiliary tables:

- $m[1\dots n, 1\dots n]$: for storing the $m[i, j]$ costs
- $s[1\dots n, 1\dots n]$: records which index of k achieved the optimal cost in computing $m[i, j]$

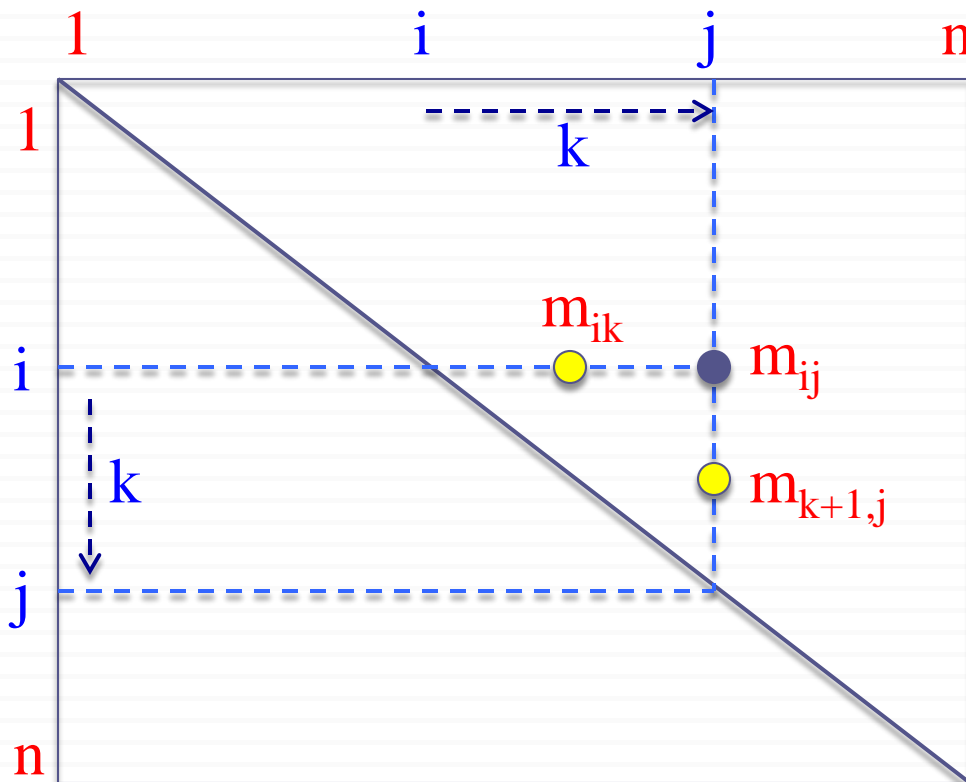
Bottom-up computation

$$m_{ij} = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{ m_{ik} + m_{k+1,j} + p_{i-1}p_kp_j \}$$

How to choose the order in which we process m_{ij} values?

Before computing m_{ij} , we have to make sure that the values for m_{ik} and $m_{k+1,j}$ have been computed for all k .

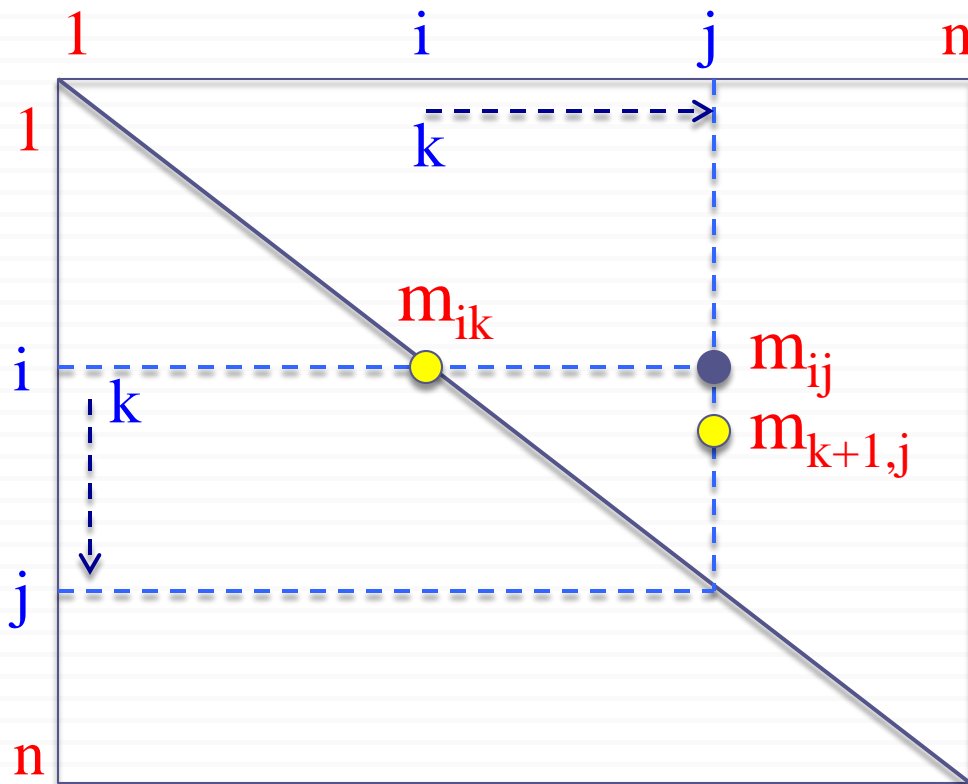
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m_{ij} must be processed after m_{ik} and $m_{j,k+1}$

Reminder: m_{ij} computed only for $j > i$

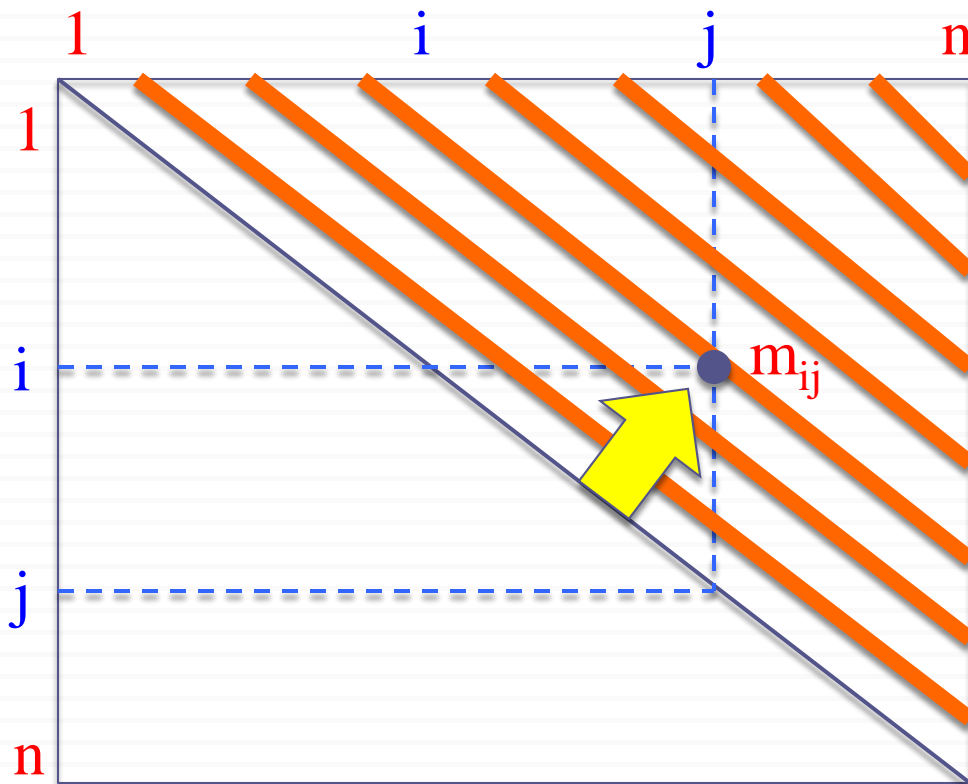
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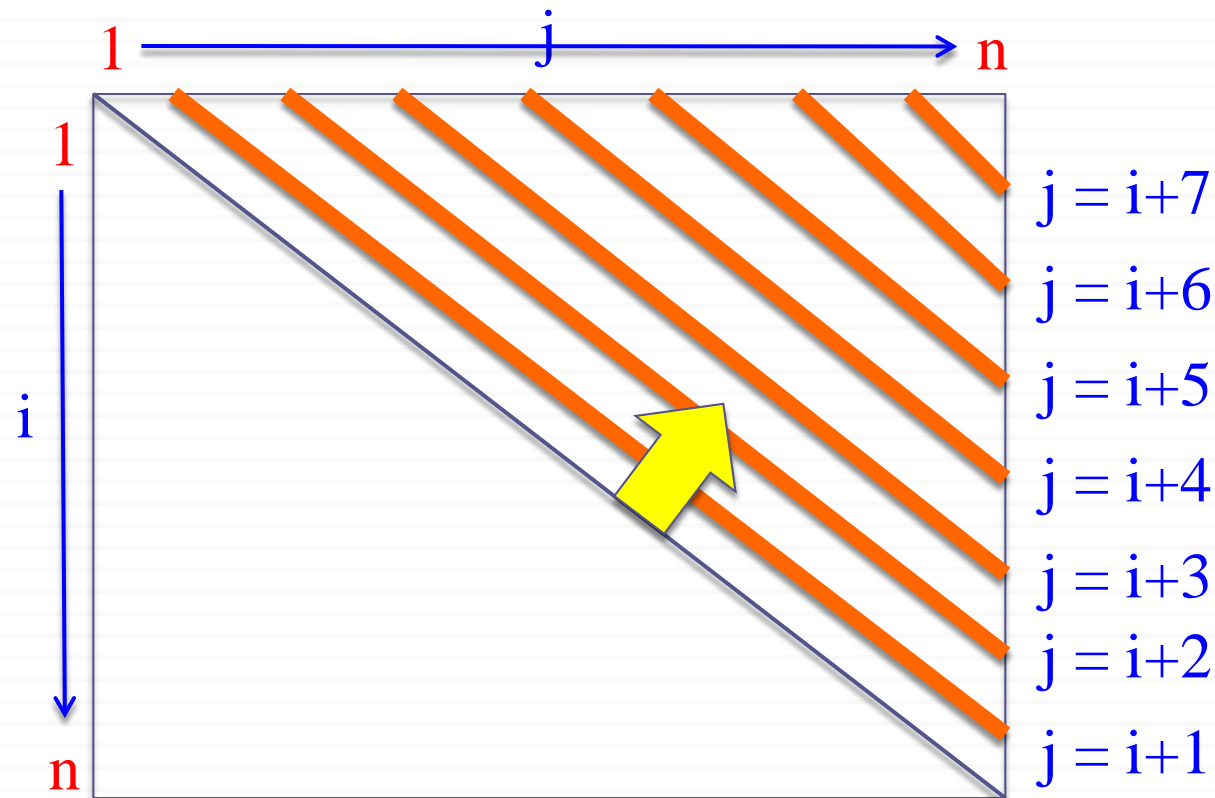
How to set up the iterations over i and j to compute m_{ij} ?

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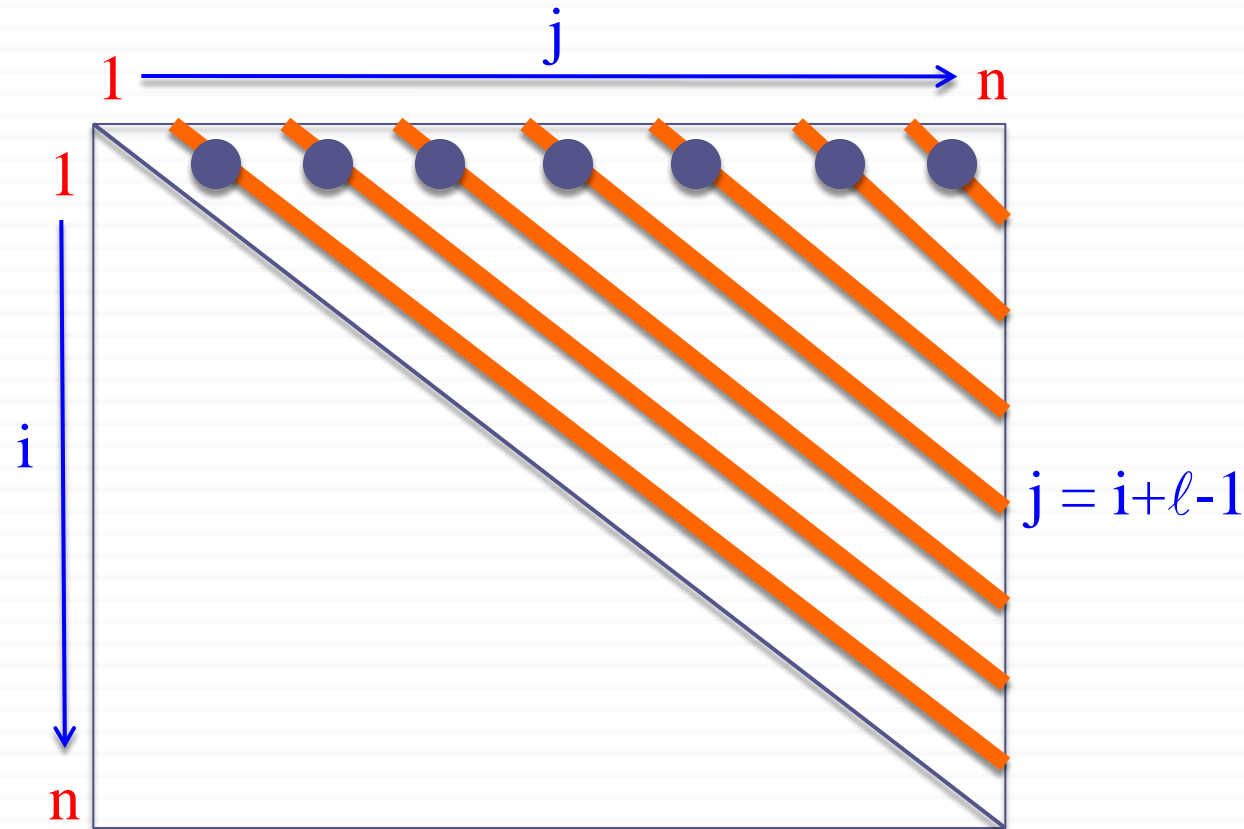


If the entries m_{ij} are computed in the shown order, then m_{ik} and $m_{k+1,j}$ values are guaranteed to be computed before m_{ij} .

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for l=2 to n
  for i=1 to n-
    l+1
      j = i + l - 1
      .....
      mij = ...
      .....

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Algorithm for Computing the Optimal Costs

MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER(p)

$n \leftarrow \text{length}[p] - 1$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n do

$m[i, i] \leftarrow 0$

for $\ell \leftarrow 2$ to n do

 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - \ell + 1$ do

$j \leftarrow i + \ell - 1$

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

 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

Algorithm for Computing the Optimal Costs

- The algorithm **first** computes $m[i, i] \leftarrow 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ min costs for all chains of length 1
- Then, for $\ell = 2, 3, \dots, n$ computes $m[i, i+\ell-1]$ for $i = 1, \dots, n-\ell+1$ min costs for all chains of length ℓ
- For each value of $\ell = 2, 3, \dots, n$, $m[i, i+\ell-1]$ depends only on table entries $m[i, k]$ & $m[k+1, i+\ell-1]$ for $i \leq k < i+\ell-1$, which are already computed

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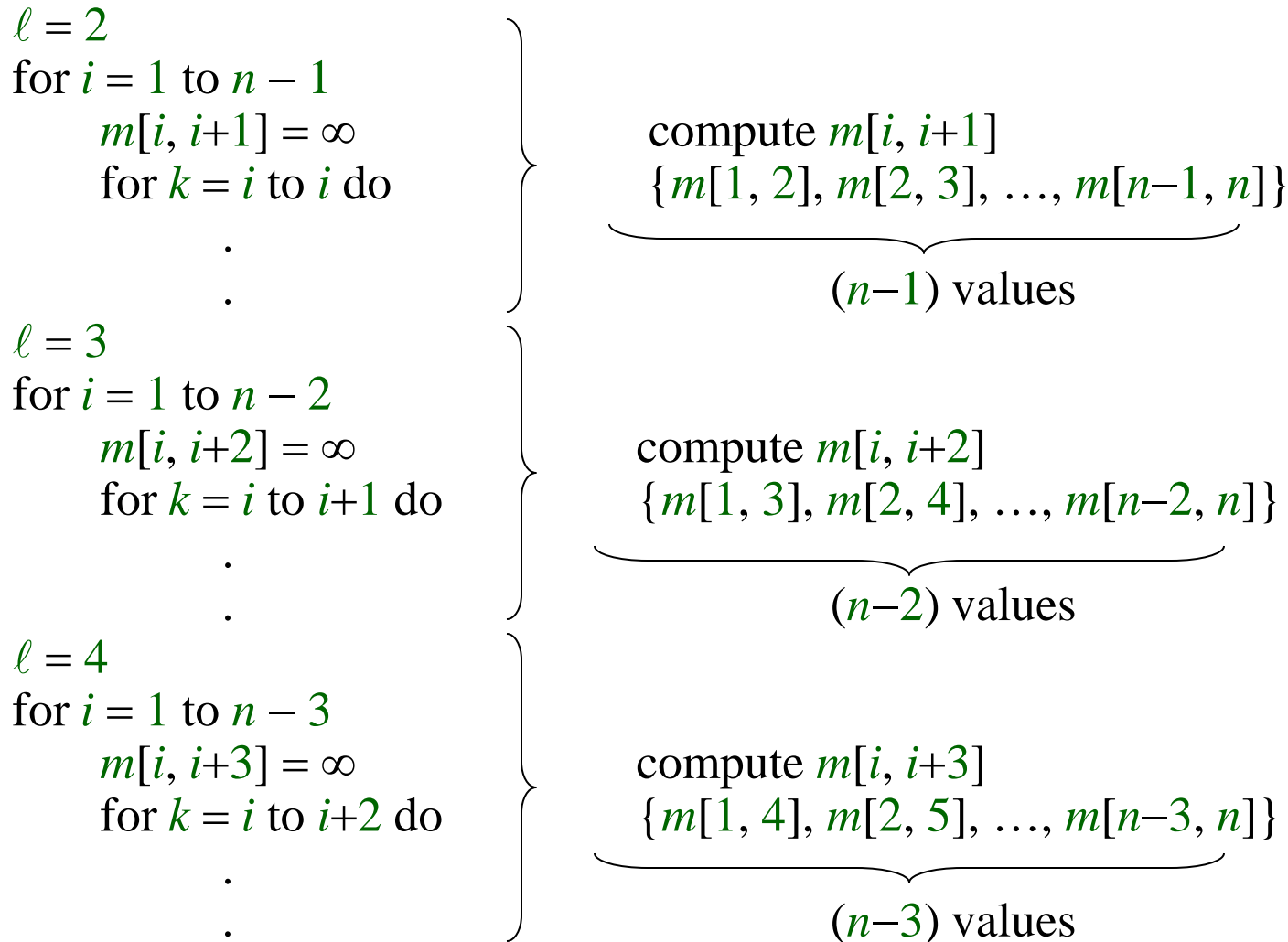
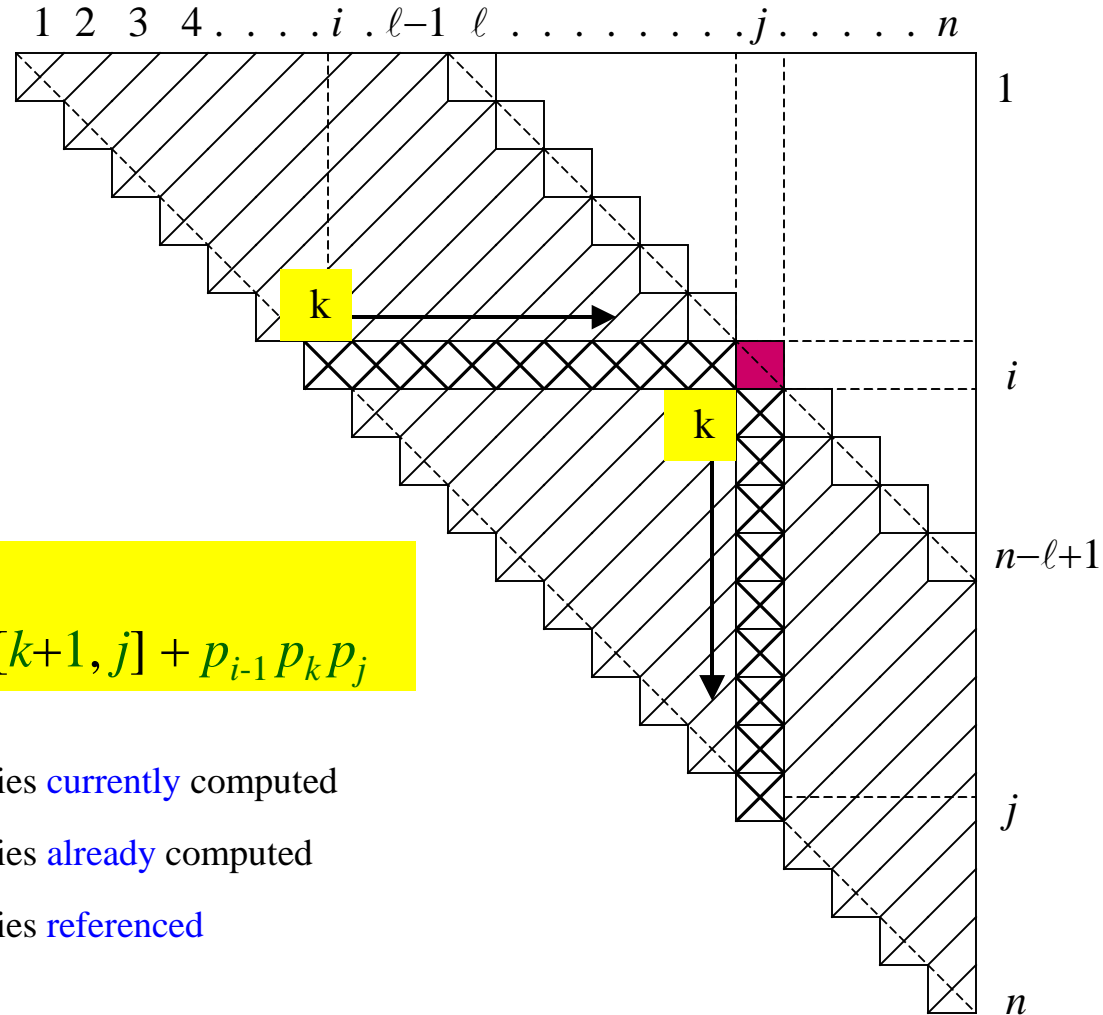


Table access pattern in computing $m[i, j]$ s for $\ell = j - i + 1$



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for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $j-1$  do
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- Table entries **currently** computed
- Table entries **already** computed
- Table entries **referenced**

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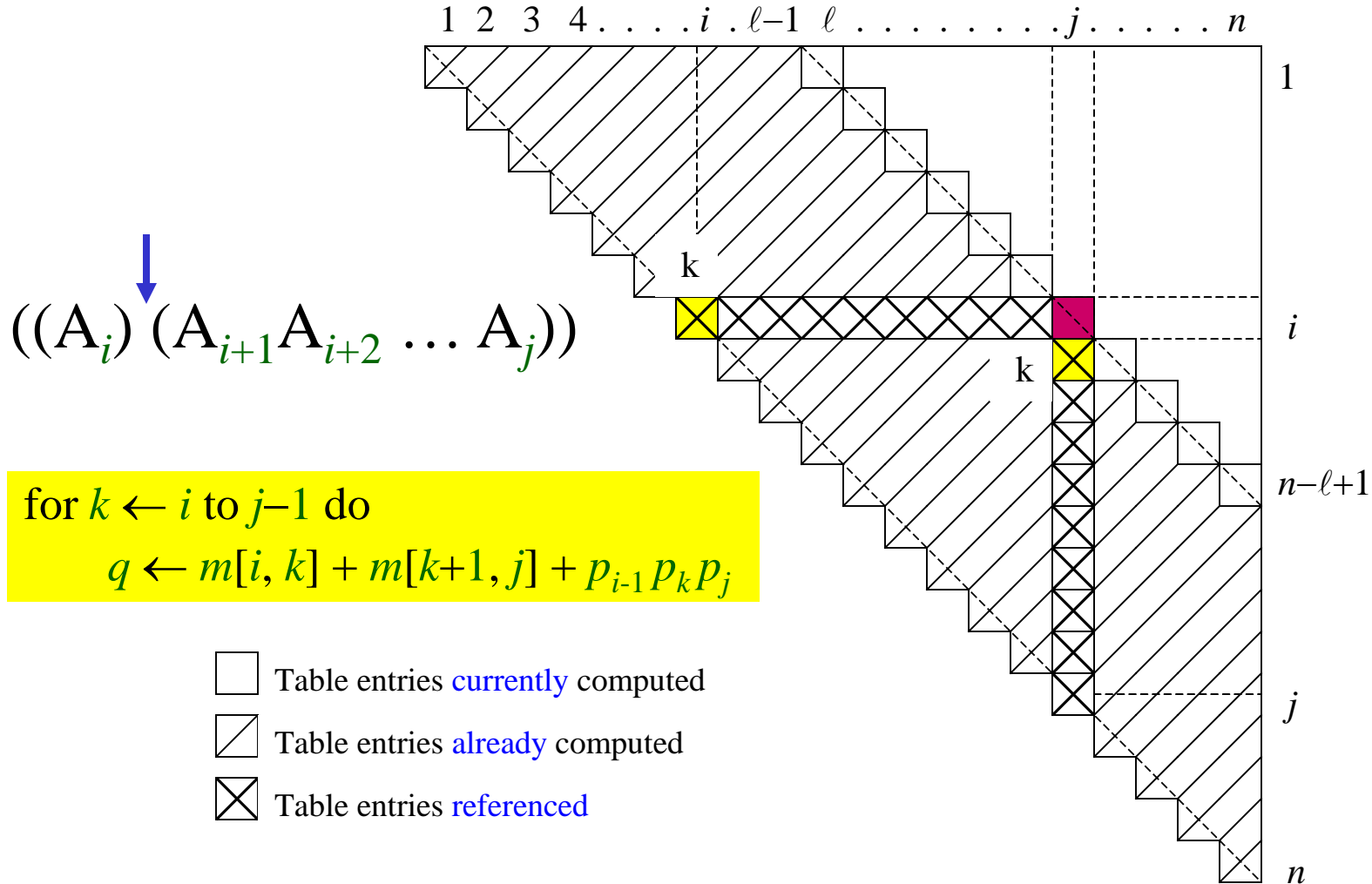


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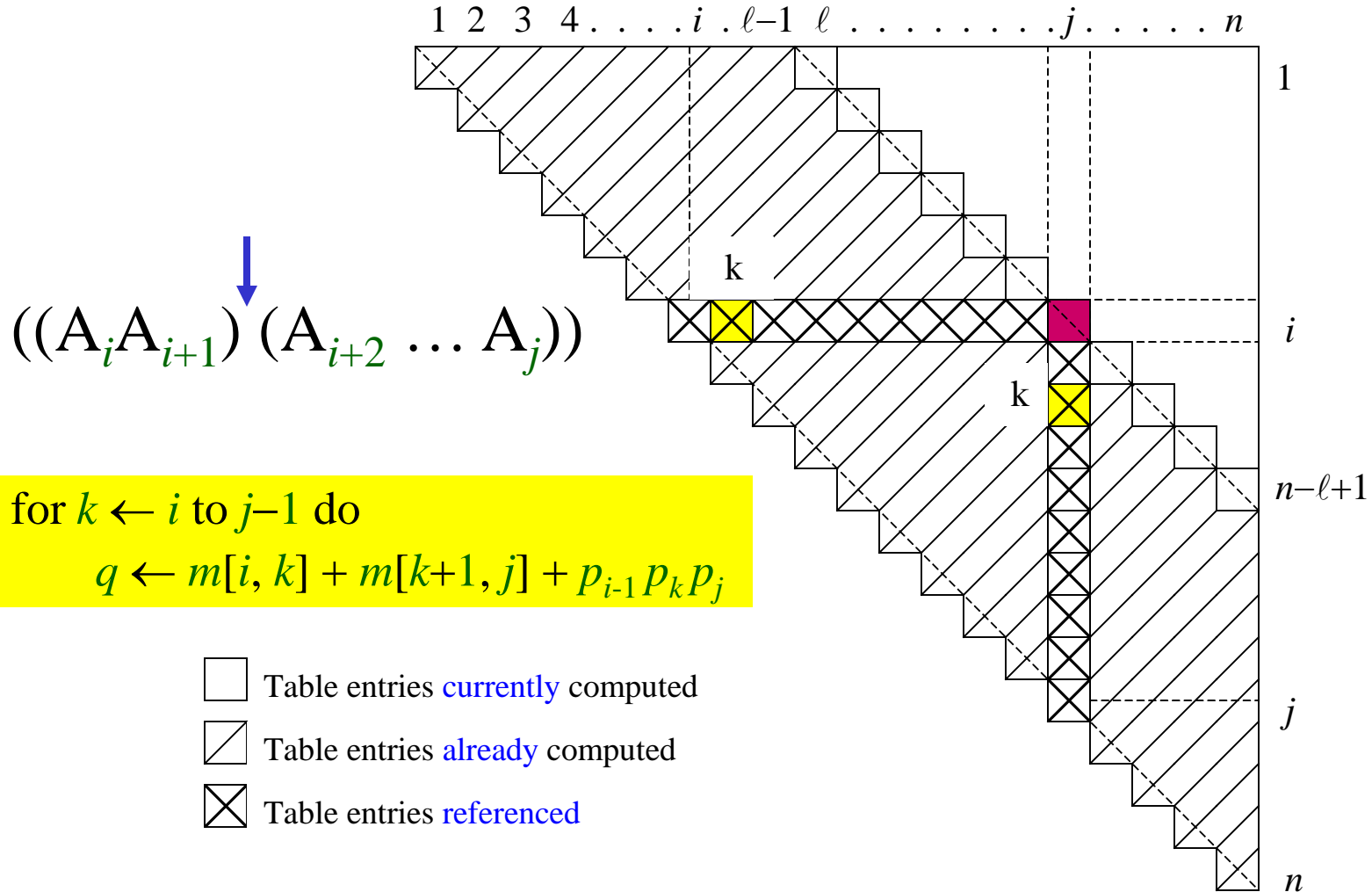


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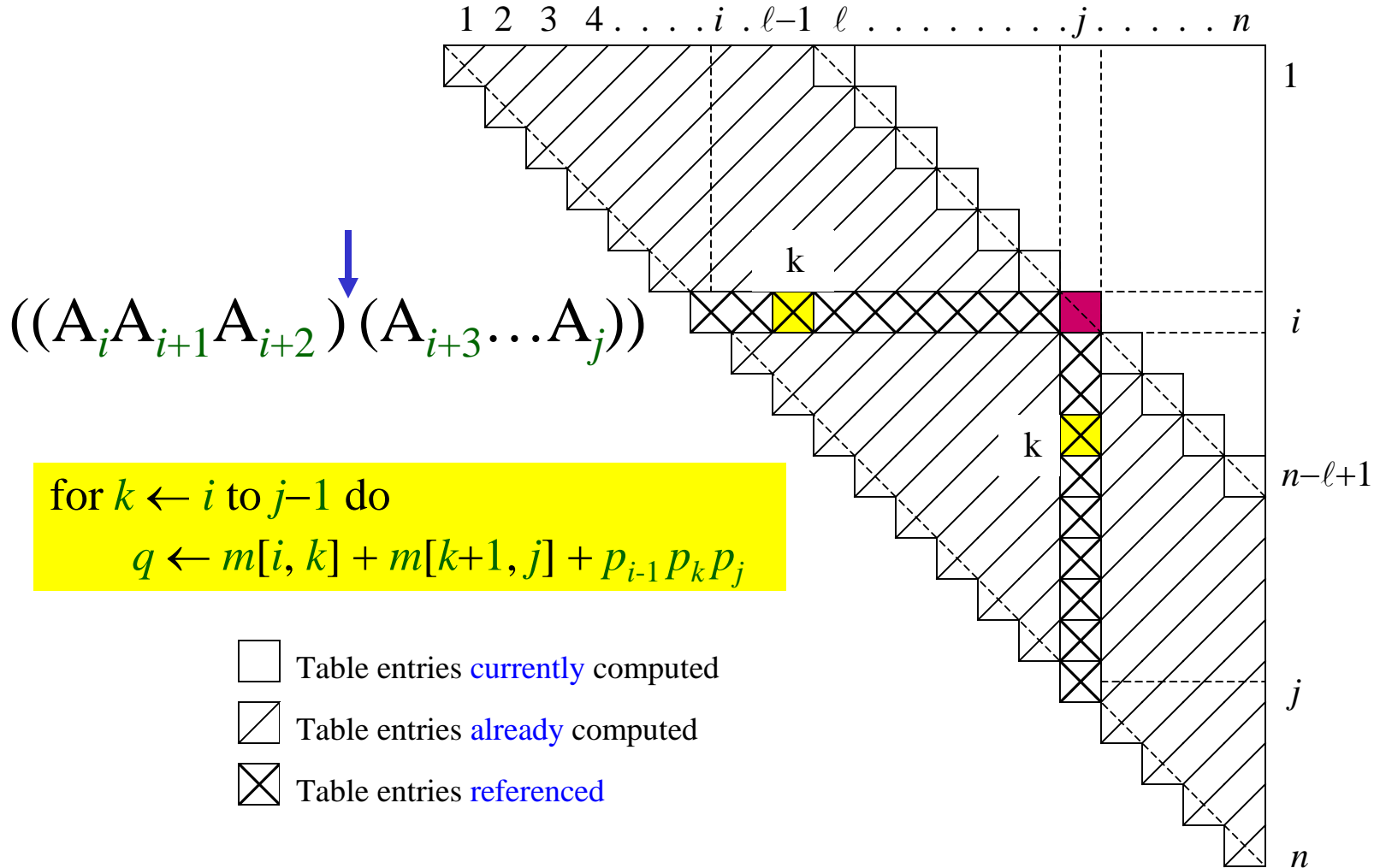
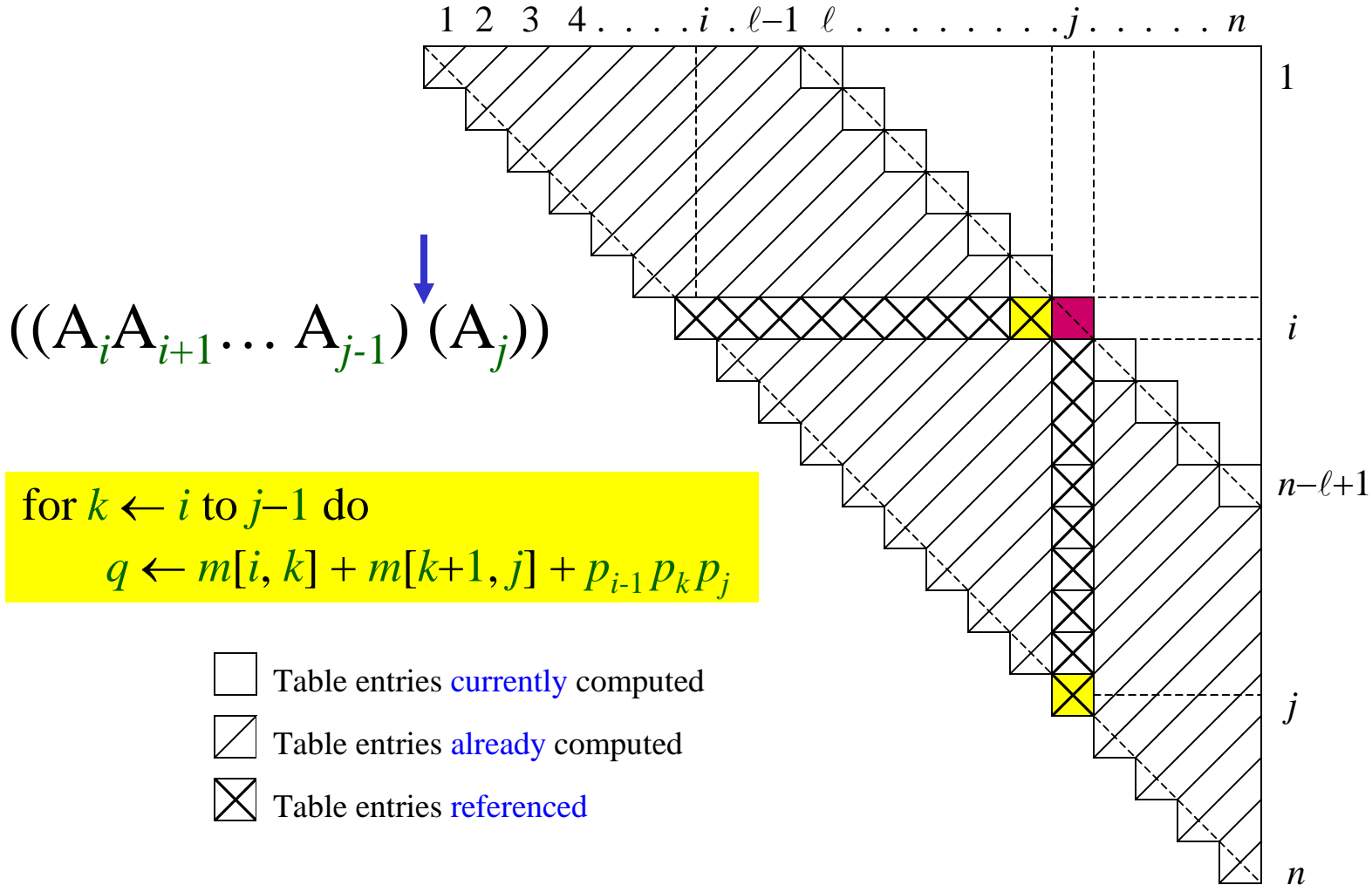


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Example

$$m_{ij} = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{ m_{ik} + m_{k+1,j} + p_{i-1}p_kp_j \}$$

$A_1: (30 \times 35)$

$A_2: (35 \times 15)$

$A_3: (15 \times 5)$

$A_4: (5 \times 10)$

$A_5: (10 \times 20)$

$A_6: (20 \times 25)$

Compute m_{25}

$k=2$



$(A_2) (A_3 A_4 A_5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost} &= m_{22} + m_{35} + p_1 p_2 p_5 \\ &= 0 + 2500 + 35 \times 15 \times 20 \\ &= 13000 \end{aligned}$$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	0	15750	7875	9375			1
2		0	2625	4375	???		2
3			0	750	2500		3
4				0	1000	3500	4
5					0	5000	5
6						0	6

Choose the k value that leads to min cost

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Compute m_{25}

$k=3$



$(A_2A_3) (A_4A_5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost} &= m_{23} + m_{45} + p_1p_3p_5 \\ &= 2625 + 1000 + 35 \times 5 \times 20 \\ &= 7125 \end{aligned}$$

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Compute m_{25}

$k=4$



$(A_2 A_3 A_4) (A_5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost} &= m_{24} + m_{55} + p_1 p_4 p_5 \\ &= 4375 + 0 + 35 \times 10 \times 20 \\ &= 11375 \end{aligned}$$

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$(A_2A_3) (A_4A_5)$

$$m_{25} = 7125$$

$$s_{25} = 3$$

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Choose $k=3$

Constructing an Optimal Solution

- **MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER** determines the optimal # of scalar mults/adds
 - needed to compute a matrix-chain product
 - it does not directly show how to multiply the matrices
- That is,
 - it determines the cost of the optimal solution(s)
 - it does not show how to obtain an optimal solution
- Each entry $s[i, j]$ records the value of k such that optimal parenthesization of $A_i \dots A_j$ splits the product between A_k & A_{k+1}
- We know that the final matrix multiplication in computing $A_{1\dots n}$ optimally is $A_{1\dots s[1,n]} \times A_{s[1,n]+1,n}$

Example: Constructing an Optimal Solution

Reminder: s_{ij} is the optimal top-level split of $A_i \dots A_j$

	2	3	4	5	6		
1	1	3	3	3		1	
		2	3	3	3		2
			3	3	3		3
				4	5		4
					5		5

What is the optimal top-level split for:

$$A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5 A_6$$

$$s_{16} = 3$$

Example: Constructing an Optimal Solution

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	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1	1	3	3	3	1
2		2	3	3	3	2
3			3	3	3	3
4				4	5	4
5					5	5

$k=3$



$(A_1 A_2 A_3) (A_4 A_5 A_6)$

What is the optimal split for $A_1 \dots A_3$?

$$s_{13} = 1$$


What is the optimal split for $A_4 \dots A_6$?

$$s_{46} = 5$$

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		3	3	3		3
			4	5		4
				5		5

$k=1$ $k=5$

 $((A_1) (A_2 A_3)) ((A_4 A_5) (A_6))$

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What is the optimal split for $A_2 A_3$?

$$s_{23} = 2$$


What is the optimal split for $A_4 A_5$?

$$s_{45} = 4$$

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

$k=2$ $k=4$

 $((A_1) ((A_2) (A_3))) (((A_4) (A_5)) (A_6))$

What is the optimal split for A_2A_3 ? $s_{23} = 2$

What is the optimal split for A_4A_5 ? $s_{45} = 4$

Constructing an Optimal Solution

Earlier optimal matrix multiplications can be computed recursively

Given:

- the chain of matrices $\mathbf{A} = \langle \mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_n \rangle$
- the s table computed by **MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER**

The following recursive procedure computes the matrix-chain product $\mathbf{A}_{i\dots j}$

MATRIX-CHAIN-MULTIPLY(\mathbf{A}, s, i, j)

if $j > i$ then

$\mathbf{X} \leftarrow$ **MATRIX-CHAIN-MULTIPLY**($\mathbf{A}, s, i, s[i, j]$)

$\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow$ **MATRIX-CHAIN-MULTIPLY**($\mathbf{A}, s, s[i, j]+1, j$)

return **MATRIX-MULTIPLY**(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})

else

return \mathbf{A}_i

Invocation: **MATRIX-CHAIN-MULTIPLY**($\mathbf{A}, s, 1, n$)

Example: Recursive Construction of an Optimal Solution

	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	1	3	3	3
	2	2	3	4	3
		3	3	3	3
$s[1\dots 6, 1\dots 6]$			4	4	5
				5	5

$MCM(1,6)$

$X \leftarrow MCM(1,3) = (A_1 A_2 A_3)$

$Y \leftarrow MCM(4,6) = (A_4 A_5 A_6)$

return (?)

-----> $MCM(1,3)$

$X \leftarrow MCM(1,1) = A_1$

$Y \leftarrow MCM(2,3) = (A_2 A_3)$

return (?)

return A_1

Example: Recursive Construction of an Optimal Solution

	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	1	3	3	3
	2	2	3	4	3
		3	3	3	3
			4	4	5
				5	5

$s[1\dots 6, 1\dots 6]$

MCM(1,6)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(1,3) = (A_1(A_2A_3))$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(4,6) = (A_4A_5A_6)$

return (?)

MCM(1,3)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(1,1) = A_1$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(2,3) = (A_2A_3)$

return ($A_1(A_2A_3)$)

return A_1

MCM(2,3)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(2,2) = A_2$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(3,3) = A_3$

return (A_2A_3)

return A_2

return A_3

Example: Recursive Construction of an Optimal Solution

	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	1	3	3	3
	2	2	3	4	3
		3	3	3	3
			4	4	5
				5	5

$s[1\dots 6, 1\dots 6]$

MCM(1,6)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(1,3) = (A_1(A_2A_3))$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(4,6) = ((A_4A_5)A_6)$

return $(A_1(A_2A_3))((A_4A_5)A_6)$

MCM(1,3)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(1,1) = A_1$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(2,3) = (A_2A_3)$

return $(A_1(A_2A_3))$

return A_1

MCM(2,3)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(2,2) = A_2$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(3,3) = A_3$

return (A_2A_3)

return A_2

return A_3

MCM(4,6)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(4,5) = (A_4A_5)$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(6,6) = A_6$

return $((A_4A_5)A_6)$

MCM(4,5)

$X \leftarrow \text{MCM}(4,4) = A_4$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MCM}(5,5) = A_5$

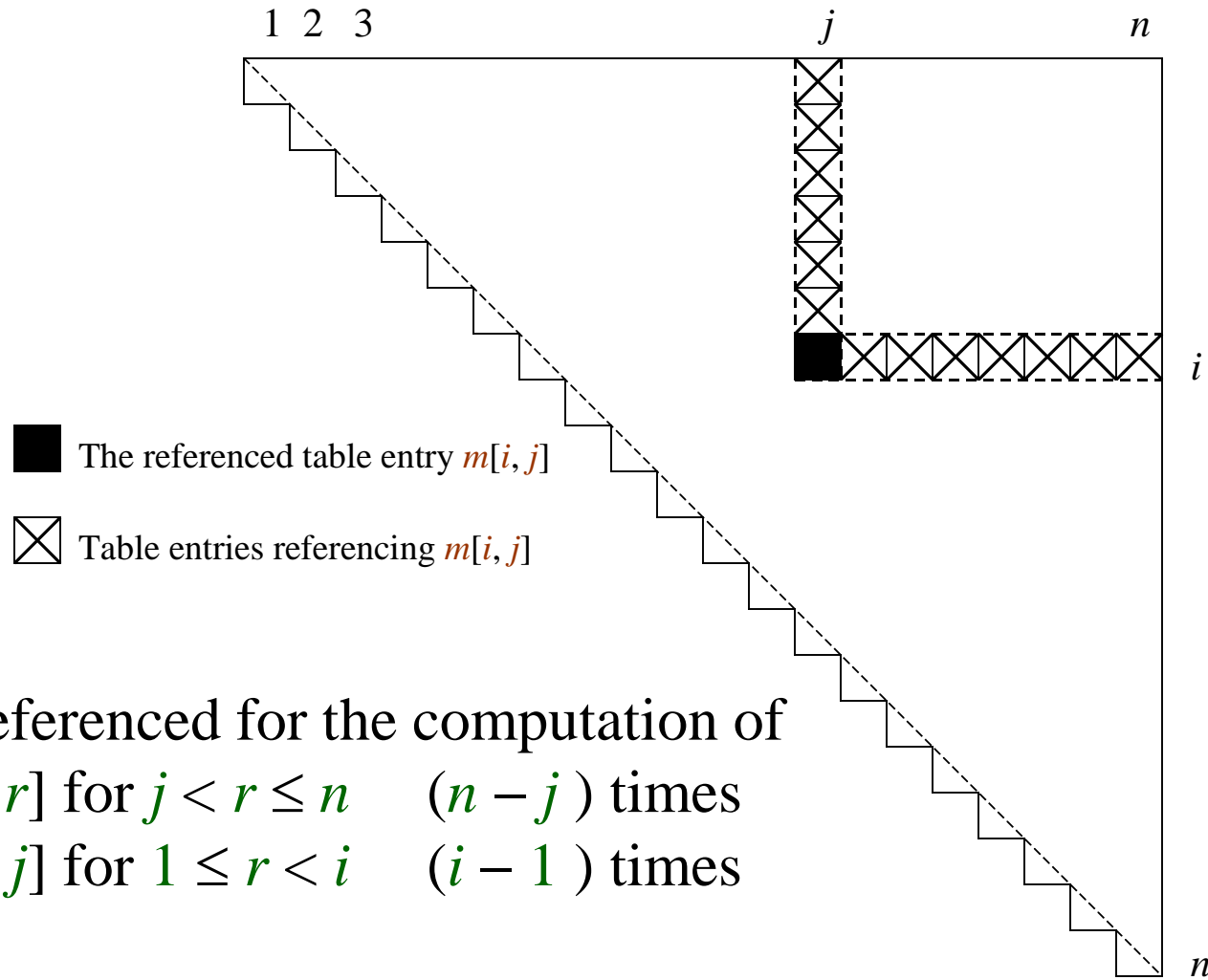
return (A_4A_5)

return A_4

return A_5

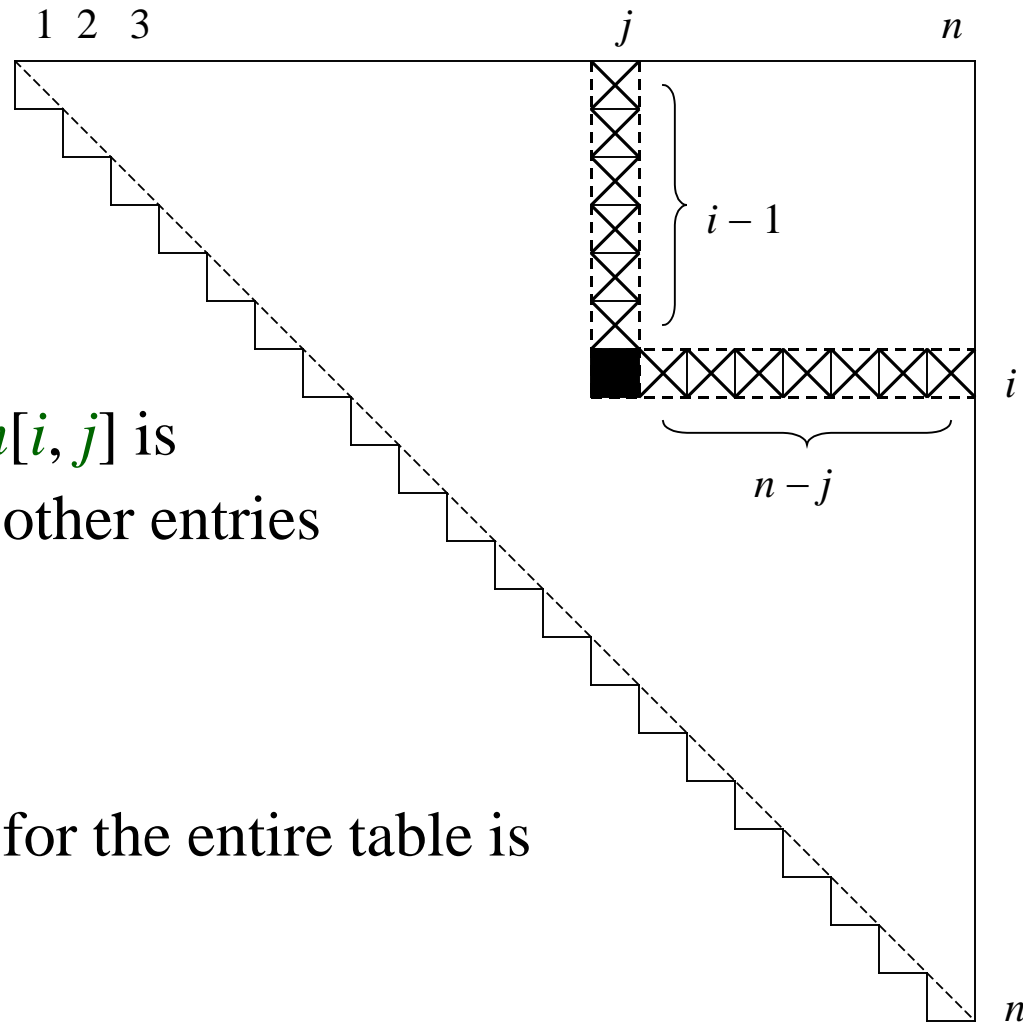
return A_6

Table reference pattern for $m[i, j]$ ($1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$)



$m[i, j]$ is referenced for the computation of
 - $m[i, r]$ for $j < r \leq n$ ($n - j$) times
 - $m[r, j]$ for $1 \leq r < i$ ($i - 1$) times

Table reference pattern for $m[i, j]$ ($1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$)



$R(i, j)$ = # of times that $m[i, j]$ is referenced in computing other entries

$$R(i, j) = (n-j) + (i-1)$$

$$= (n-1) - (j-i)$$

The total # of references for the entire table is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n R(i, j) = \frac{n^3 - n}{3}$$

Summary

1. Identification of the optimal substructure property
2. Recursive formulation to compute the cost of the optimal solution
3. Bottom-up computation of the table entries
4. Constructing the optimal solution by backtracing the table entries

Elements of Dynamic Programming

- When should we look for a DP solution to an optimization problem?
- Two key ingredients for the problem
 - Optimal substructure
 - Overlapping subproblems

DP Hallmark #1

Optimal Substructure

- A problem exhibits optimal substructure
 - if an optimal solution to a problem contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems
- **Example:** matrix-chain-multiplication

Optimal parenthesization of $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ that splits the product between A_k and A_{k+1} ,

contains within it optimal soln's to the problems of parenthesizing $A_1A_2\dots A_k$ and $A_{k+1}A_{k+2} \dots A_n$

Optimal Substructure

Finding a suitable space of subproblems

- Iterate on subproblem instances
- **Example:** matrix-chain-multiplication
 - Iterate and look at the structure of optimal soln' s to subproblems, sub-subproblems, and so forth
 - Discover that all subproblems consists of subchains of $\langle A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \rangle$
 - Thus, the set of chains of the form
$$\langle A_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_j \rangle \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$$
 - Makes a natural and reasonable space of subproblems

DP Hallmark #2

Overlapping Subproblems

- Total number of distinct subproblems should be **polynomial** in the input size
- When a **recursive** algorithm revisits the same problem **over and over again**

we say that the optimization problem has **overlapping subproblems**

Overlapping Subproblems

- **DP** algorithms typically take advantage of overlapping subproblems
 - by solving each problem once
 - then storing the solutions in a table where it can be looked up when needed
 - using constant time per lookup

Overlapping Subproblems

Recursive matrix-chain order

RMC(p, i, j)

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

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow \text{RMC}(p, i, k) + \text{RMC}(p, k+1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

if $q < m[i, j]$ **then**

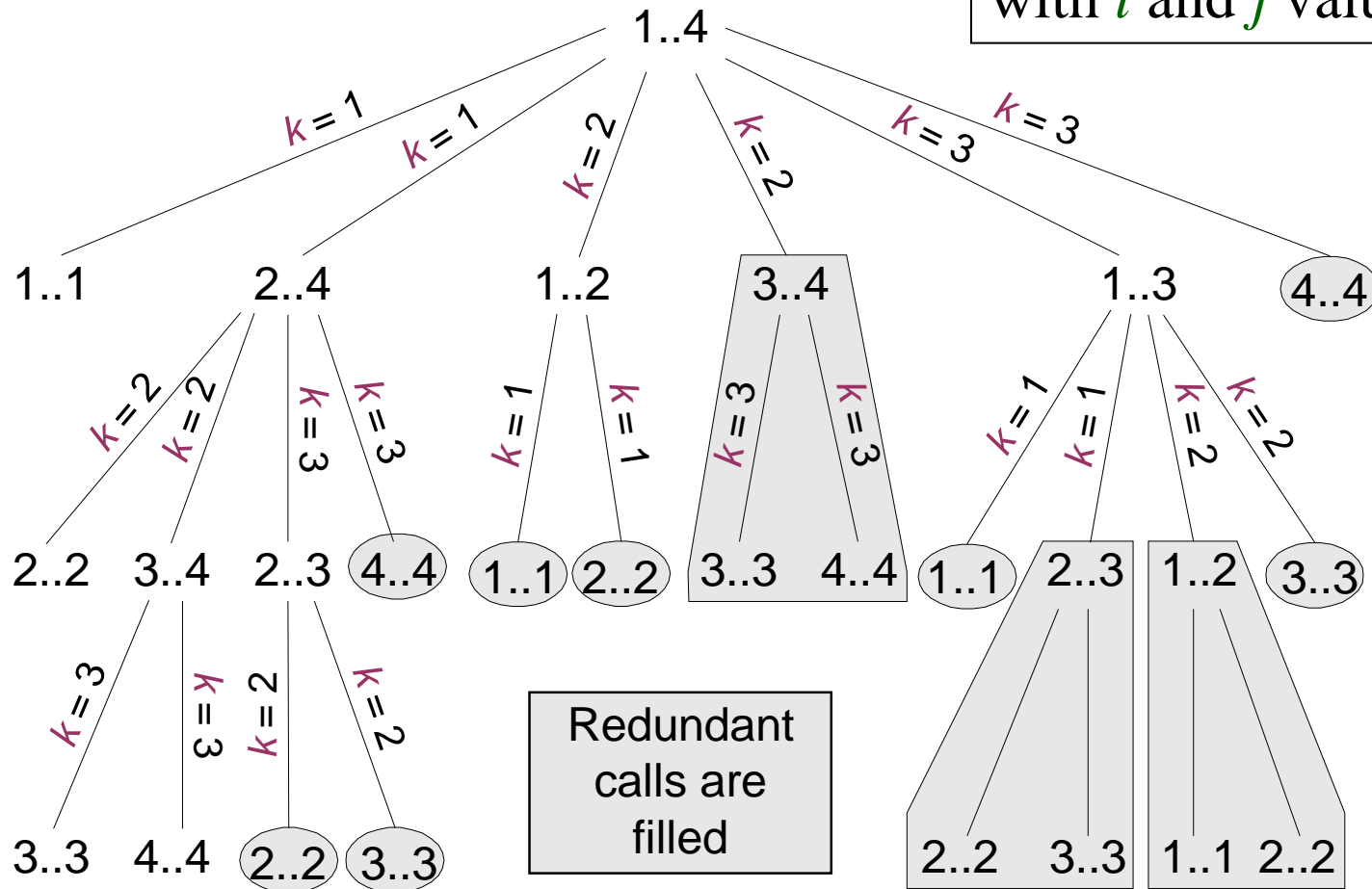
$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$

Recursive Matrix-chain Order

Recursion tree for $RMC(p, 1, 4)$

Nodes are labeled with i and j values



Running Time of RMC

$$T(1) \geq 1$$

$$T(n) \geq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T(k) + T(n-k) + 1) \text{ for } n > 1$$

- For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ each term $T(i)$ appears twice
 - Once as $T(k)$, and once as $T(n-k)$
- Collect $n-1$ 1's in the summation together with the front 1

$$T(n) \geq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) + n$$

- Prove that $T(n) = \Omega(2^n)$ using the substitution method

Running Time of RMC: Prove that $T(n) = \Omega(2^n)$

- Try to show that $T(n) \geq 2^{n-1}$ (by substitution)

Base case: $T(1) \geq 1 = 2^0 = 2^{1-1}$ for $n = 1$

IH: $T(i) \geq 2^{i-1}$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ and $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2^{i-1} + n \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 2^i + n = 2(2^{n-1} - 1) + n \\ &= 2^{n-1} + (2^{n-1} - 2 + n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \geq 2^{n-1}$$

Q.E.D.

Running Time of RMC: $T(n) \geq 2^{n-1}$

Whenever

- a recursion tree for the natural recursive solution to a problem contains the same subproblem repeatedly
- the total number of different subproblems is small

it is a good idea to see if **DP** can be applied

Memoization

- Offers the efficiency of the usual **DP** approach while maintaining **top-down** strategy
- Idea is to **memoize** the natural, but inefficient, **recursive algorithm**

Memoized Recursive Algorithm

- Maintains an **entry** in a **table** for the soln to each subproblem
- Each table entry contains a **special value** to indicate that the entry has yet to be filled in
- When the subproblem is **first encountered** its solution is **computed** and then **stored** in the table
- Each **subsequent** time that the subproblem encountered the value stored in the table is simply **looked up** and **returned**

Memoized Recursive Matrix-chain Order

LookupC(p, i, j)

if $m[i, j] = \infty$ **then**

if $i = j$ **then**
 $m[i, j] \leftarrow 0$

else

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow \text{LookupC}(p, i, k) + \text{LookupC}(p, k+1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

if $q < m[i, j]$ **then**

$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$

MemoizedMatrixChain(p)

$n \leftarrow \text{length}[p] - 1$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n **do**

for $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** n **do**

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

return **LookupC**($p, 1, n$)

▷ Shaded subtrees are looked-up rather than recomputing

Memoized Recursive Algorithm

- The approach assumes that
 - The set of **all possible subproblem parameters** are known
 - The relation between the **table positions** and **subproblems** is established
- Another approach is to memoize
 - by using **hashing** with subproblem parameters as *key*

Memoization-based solutions will NOT BE ACCEPTED in the exams!

Dynamic Programming vs Memoization

Summary

- Matrix-chain multiplication can be solved in $O(n^3)$ time
 - by either a top-down memoized recursive algorithm
 - or a bottom-up dynamic programming algorithm
- Both methods exploit the **overlapping subproblems** property
 - There are only $\Theta(n^2)$ different subproblems in total
 - Both methods **compute** the soln to **each problem once**
- **Without memoization** the natural **recursive** algorithm runs in **exponential time** since subproblems are solved repeatedly

Dynamic Programming vs Memoization Summary

In general practice

- If all subproblems must be solved at once
 - a bottom-up **DP algorithm** always outperforms a top-down memoized algorithm by a constant factor

because, bottom-up **DP** algorithm

- Has no overhead for recursion
- Less overhead for maintaining the table
- **DP**: **Regular** pattern of **table accesses** can be exploited to reduce the time and/or space requirements even further
- **Memoized**: If some problems need not be solved at all, it has the advantage of avoiding solutions to those subproblems

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Problem 2: Longest Common Subsequence

Definitions

- A **subsequence** of a given sequence is just the **given sequence** with **some elements** (possibly none) **left out**

- Example:

$$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$$

$$Z = \langle B, C, D, B \rangle$$

→ Z is a subsequence of X

Definitions

Formal definition: Given a sequence $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$,
sequence $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ is a **subsequence** of X

if \exists a **strictly increasing sequence** $\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle$ of indices of X
such that $x_{i_j} = z_j$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, where $1 \leq k \leq m$

Example: $Z = \langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{B} \rangle$ is a **subsequence** of $X = \langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle$
with the **index sequence** $\langle i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \rangle = \langle 2, 3, 5, 7 \rangle$

Definitions

If Z is a subsequence of both X and Y , we denote Z as a common subsequence of X and Y .

Example: $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and

$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

Sequence $Z = \langle B, C, A \rangle$ is a common subsequence of X and Y .

What is a longest common subsequence (LCS) of X and Y ?

$\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$

Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) Problem

- LCS problem: Given two sequences $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$, find the **LCS** of X & Y
 - Brute force approach:
 - **Enumerate** all subsequences of X
 - **Check** if each subsequence is also a subsequence of Y
 - Keep track of the **LCS**
 - What is the complexity?
 - There are 2^m subsequences of X
- Exponential runtime**

Notation

Notation: Let X_i denote the i^{th} prefix of X

i.e. $X_i = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \rangle$

Example: $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$

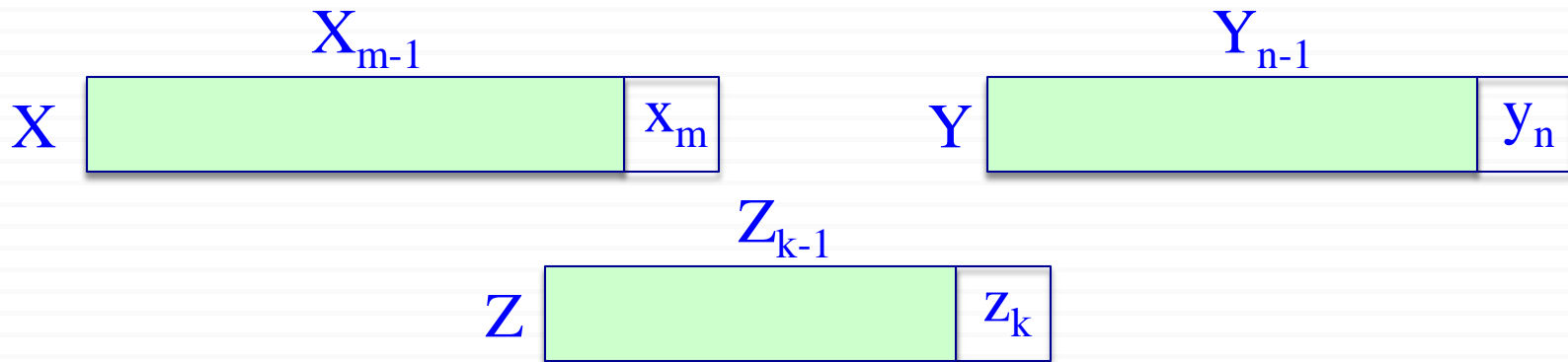
$X_4 = \langle A, B, C, B \rangle$, $X_0 = \langle \rangle$

Optimal Substructure of an LCS

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ are given

Let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be an **LCS** of X and Y

Question 1: If $x_m = y_n$, how to define the optimal substructure?



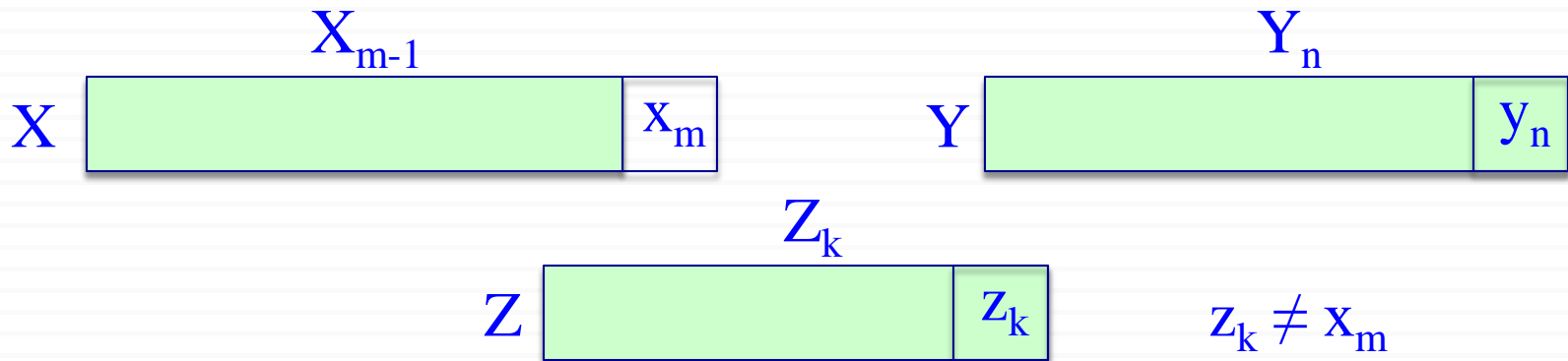
We must have $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and $Z_{k-1} = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_{n-1})$

Optimal Substructure of an LCS

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ are given

Let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be an **LCS** of X and Y

Question 2: If $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq x_m$, how to define the optimal substructure?



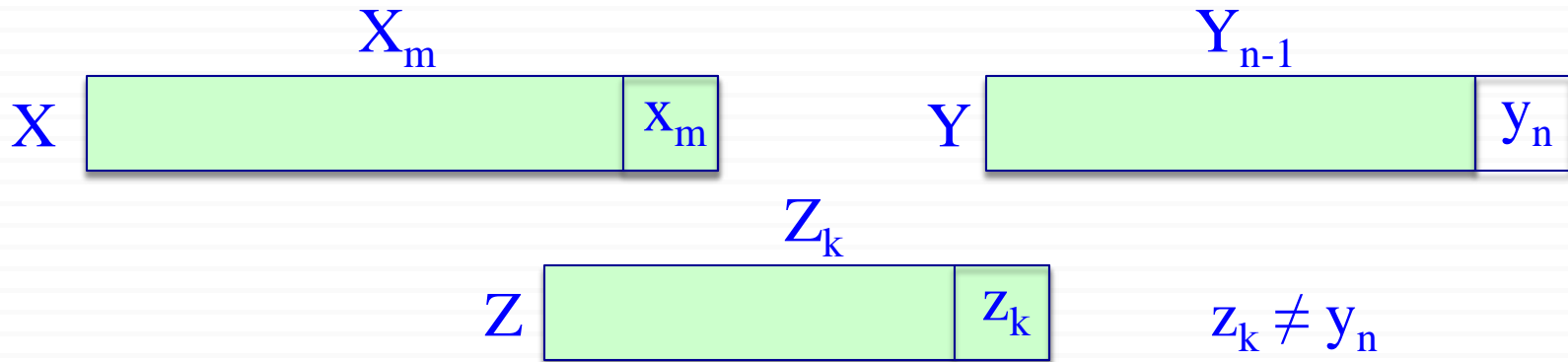
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Optimal Substructure of an LCS

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ are given

Let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be an **LCS** of X and Y

Question 3: If $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq y_n$, how to define the optimal substructure?



We must have $Z = \text{LCS}(X, Y_{n-1})$

Theorem: Optimal Substructure of an LCS

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ are given

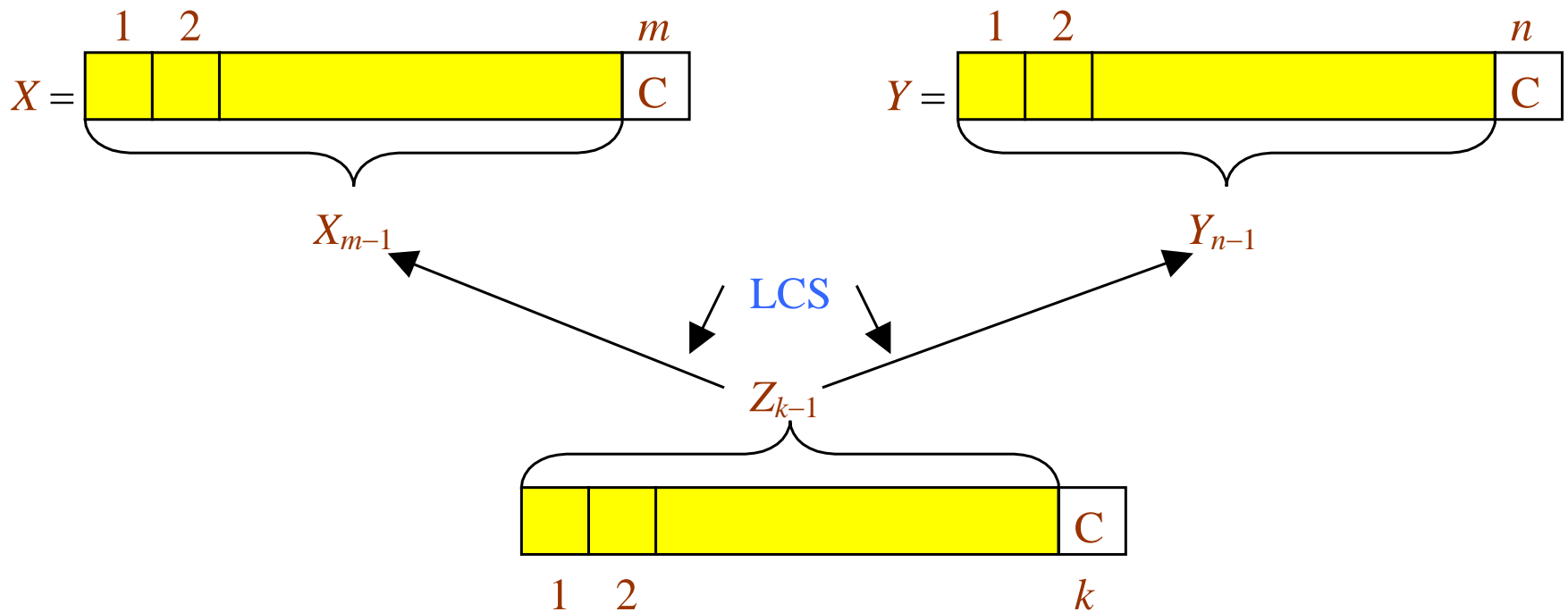
Let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be an **LCS** of X and Y

Theorem: Optimal substructure of an LCS:

1. **If** $x_m = y_n$
then $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and Z_{k-1} is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1}
2. **If** $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq x_m$
then Z is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y
3. **If** $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq y_n$
then Z is an LCS of X and Y_{n-1}

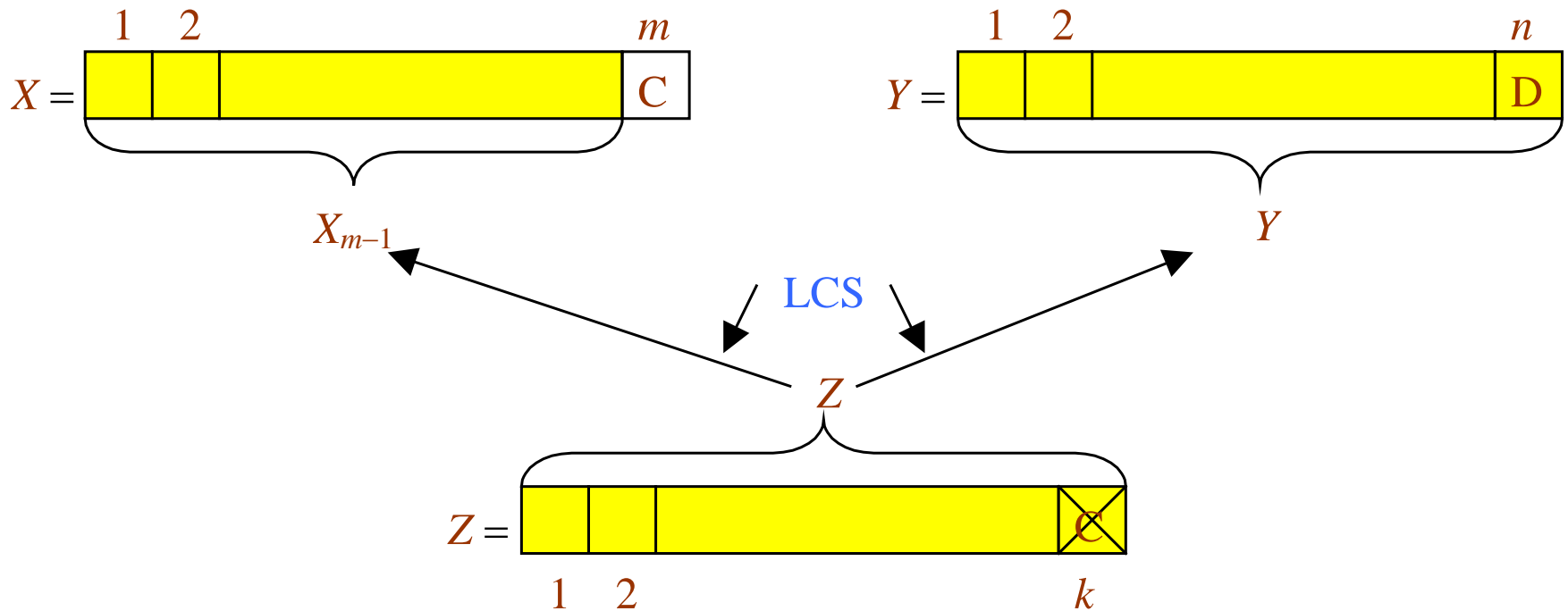
Optimal Substructure Theorem (case 1)

If $x_m = y_n$ then $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and Z_{k-1} is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1}



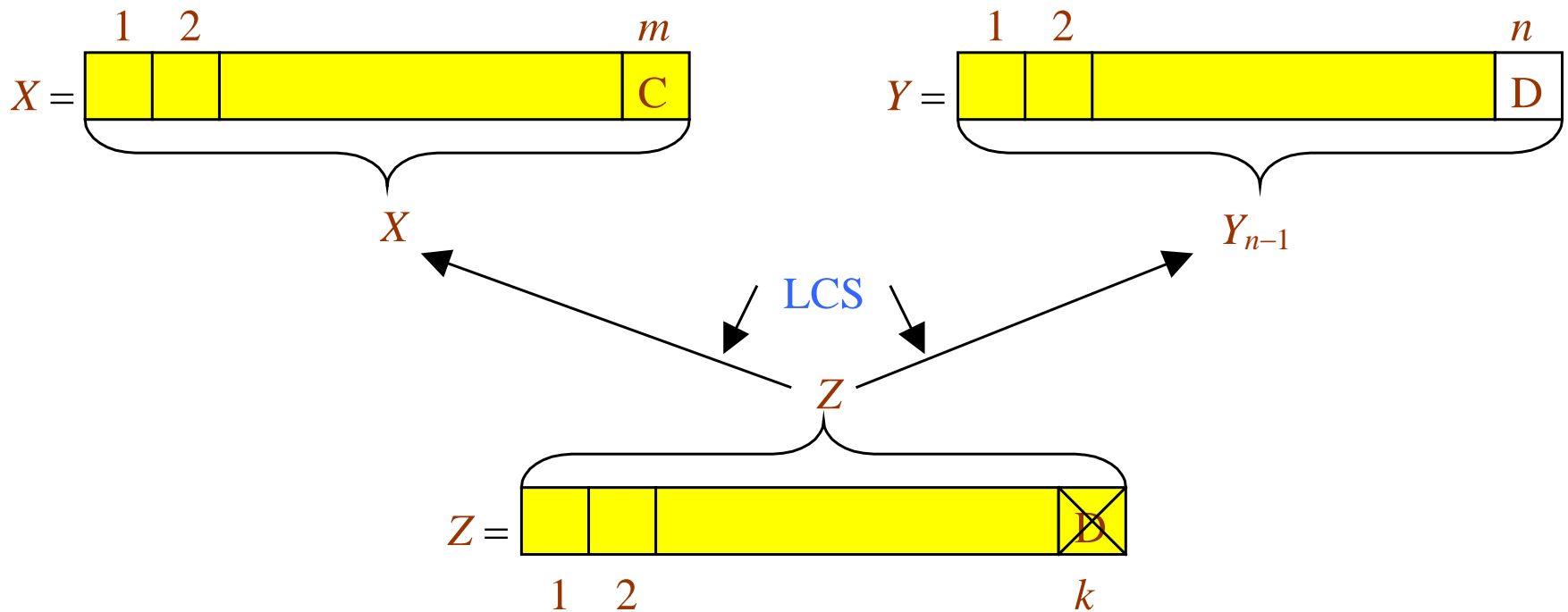
Optimal Substructure Theorem (case 2)

If $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq x_m$ then Z is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y



Optimal Substructure Theorem (case 3)

If $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq y_n$ then Z is an LCS of X and Y_{n-1}



Proof of Optimal Substructure Theorem (case 1)

If $x_m = y_n$ then $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and Z_{k-1} is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1}

Proof: If $z_k \neq x_m = y_n$ then

we can append $x_m = y_n$ to Z to obtain a common subsequence of length $k+1 \Rightarrow$ contradiction

Thus, we must have $z_k = x_m = y_n$

Hence, the prefix Z_{k-1} is a length- $(k-1)$ CS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1}

We have to show that Z_{k-1} is in fact an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1}

Proof by contradiction:

Assume that \exists a CS W of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} with $|W| = k$

Then appending $x_m = y_n$ to W produces a CS of length $k+1$

Proof of Optimal Substructure Theorem (case 2)

If $x_m \neq y_n$ and $z_k \neq x_m$ then Z is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y

Proof : If $z_k \neq x_m$ then Z is a CS of X_{m-1} and Y_n

We have to show that Z is in fact an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_n

(Proof by contradiction)

Assume that \exists a CS W of X_{m-1} and Y_n with $|W| > k$

Then W would also be a CS of X and Y

Contradiction to the assumption that

Z is an LCS of X and Y with $|Z| = k$

Case 3: Dual of the proof for (case 2)

A Recursive Solution to Subproblems

Theorem implies that there are one or two subproblems to examine

if $x_m = y_n$ then

we must solve the **subproblem** of finding an LCS of X_{m-1} & Y_{n-1}
appending $x_m = y_n$ to this LCS yields an LCS of X & Y

else

we must solve **two subproblems**

- finding an LCS of X_{m-1} & Y
- finding an LCS of X & Y_{n-1}

longer of these two LCSs is an LCS of X & Y

endif

Recursive Algorithm (Inefficient!!!)

LCS(X, Y)

$m \leftarrow \text{length}[X]$

$n \leftarrow \text{length}[Y]$

if $x_m = y_n$ then

$Z \leftarrow \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_{n-1})$ \triangleright solve one subproblem

return $\langle Z, x_m = y_n \rangle$ \triangleright append $x_m = y_n$ to Z

else

$Z' \leftarrow \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y)$
 $Z'' \leftarrow \text{LCS}(X, Y_{n-1})$ $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} Z' \\ Z'' \end{matrix}} \right\} \triangleright$ solve two subproblems

return longer of Z' and Z''

A Recursive Solution

$c[i, j]$: length of an LCS of X_i and Y_j

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]\} & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

Computing the Length of an LCS

- We can easily write an **exponential-time recursive algorithm** based on the given recurrence. **→ Inefficient!**
- How many distinct subproblems to solve?
 $\Theta(mn)$
- Overlapping subproblems property: Many subproblems share the same sub-subproblems.
e.g. Finding an **LCS** to X_{m-1} & Y and an **LCS** to X & Y_{n-1}
has the sub-subproblem of finding an **LCS** to X_{m-1} & Y_{n-1}
- Therefore, we can use **dynamic programming**.

Data Structures

Let:

$c[i, j]$: length of an LCS of X_i and Y_j

$b[i, j]$: direction towards the table entry corresponding to the optimal subproblem solution chosen when computing $c[i, j]$. Used to simplify the construction of an optimal solution at the end.

Maintain the following tables:

$c[0\dots m, 0\dots n]$

$b[1\dots m, 1\dots n]$

Bottom-up Computation

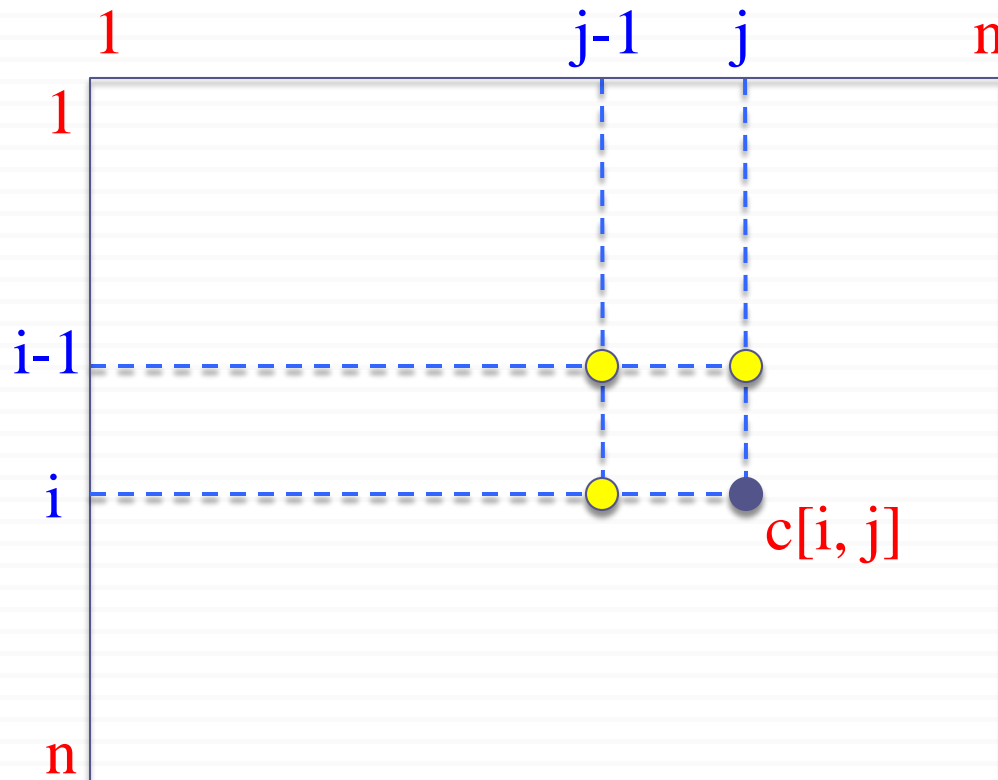
Reminder:

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]\} & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

How to choose the order in which we process $c[i, j]$ values?

The values for $c[i-1, j-1]$, $c[i, j-1]$, and $c[i-1, j]$ must be computed before computing $c[i, j]$.

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Need to process:

$c[i, j]$

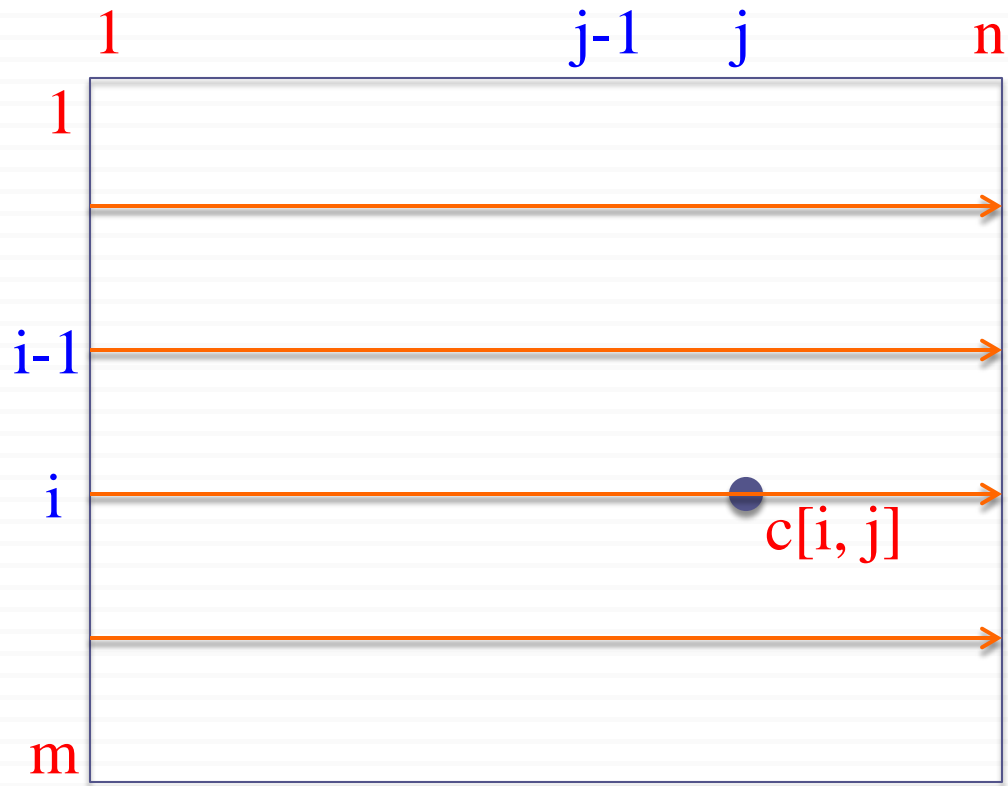
after computing:

$c[i-1, j-1],$

$c[i, j-1],$

$c[i-1, j]$

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]\} & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$



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for i ← 1 to m
  for j ← 1 to n
    ...
    ...
    c[i, j] =
  
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Computing the Length of an LCS

LCS-LENGTH(X, Y)

$m \leftarrow \text{length}[X]; n \leftarrow \text{length}[Y]$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to m do $c[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$

for $j \leftarrow 0$ to n do $c[0, j] \leftarrow 0$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to m do

 for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n do

 if $x_i = y_j$ then

$c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j-1] + 1$

$b[i, j] \leftarrow \text{“}\nwarrow\text{”}$

 else if $c[i-1, j] \geq c[i, j-1]$

$c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j]$

$b[i, j] \leftarrow \text{“}\uparrow\text{”}$

 else

$c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i, j-1]$

$b[i, j] \leftarrow \text{“}\leftarrow\text{”}$

Total runtime = $\Theta(mn)$

Total space = $\Theta(mn)$

Computing the Length of an LCS

Operation of **LCS-LENGTH**
on the sequences

$X = \langle \overset{1}{A}, \overset{2}{B}, \overset{3}{C}, \overset{4}{B}, \overset{5}{D}, \overset{6}{A}, \overset{7}{B} \rangle$

$Y = \langle \overset{1}{B}, \overset{2}{D}, \overset{3}{C}, \overset{4}{A}, \overset{5}{B}, \overset{6}{A} \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0 x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 A	0						
2 B	0						
3 C	0						
4 B	0						
5 D	0						
6 A	0						
7 B	0						

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j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0 x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 A	0	↑ 0	↑ 0	↑ 0	↖ 1	←1	↖ 1
2 B	0						
3 C	0						
4 B	0						
5 D	0						
6 A	0						
7 B	0						

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j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0 x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←1	↖
2 B	0	↖	←1	←1	↑	↖	←2
3 C	0						
4 B	0						
5 D	0						
6 A	0						
7 B	0						

Computing the Length of an LCS

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$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$
1 2 3 4 5 6

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0 x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←1	↖
2 B	0	↖	←1	←1	↑	↖	←2
3 C	0	↑	↑	↖	←2	↑	↑
4 B	0						
5 D	0						
6 A	0						
7 B	0						

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i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖				
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

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i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑			
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

Computing the Length of an LCS

Operation of **LCS-LENGTH**
on the sequences

$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$
1 2 3 4 5 6

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↖	←1	↖
2	B	0	↖	←1	←1	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←2	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑		
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

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i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
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i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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1 2 3 4 5 6

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

Computing the Length of an LCS

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on the sequences

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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1 2 3 4 5 6

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

Computing the Length of an LCS

Operation of **LCS-LENGTH**
on the sequences

$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$

$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
7	B	0					

Computing the Length of an LCS

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on the sequences

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Running-time = $O(mn)$
since each table entry takes
 $O(1)$ time to compute

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
7	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↑

Computing the Length of an LCS

Operation of **LCS-LENGTH**
on the sequences

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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1 2 3 4 5 6

Running-time = $O(mn)$
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LCS of X & $Y = \langle B, C, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↖
2	B	0	↖	←1	←1	↑	↖
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	←2	↑
4	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↑
7	B	0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖

Constructing an LCS

The b table returned by **LCS-LENGTH** can be used to quickly construct an LCS of X & Y

Begin at $b[m, n]$ and trace through the table following arrows

Whenever you encounter a “↖” in entry $b[i, j]$
it implies that $x_i = y_j$ is an element of LCS

The elements of LCS are encountered in reverse order

Constructing an LCS

```
PRINT-LCS(b, X, i, j)
  if i = 0 or j = 0 then
    return
  if b[i, j] = “↖” then
    PRINT-LCS(b, X, i−1, j−1)
    print xi
  else if b[i, j] = “↑” then
    PRINT-LCS(b, X, i−1, j)
  else
    PRINT-LCS(b, X, i, j−1)
```

The initial invocation:

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PRINT-LCS(b, X, length[X], length[Y])
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The recursive procedure PRINT-LCS prints out LCS in proper order

This procedure takes $O(m+n)$ time

since at least one of i and j is decremented in each stage of the recursion

Do we really need the b table (back-pointers)?

	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
B	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
C	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
B	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
B	0	1	2	3	3	4	4

Question: From which neighbor did we expand to the highlighted cell?

Answer: Upper-left neighbor, because $X[i] = Y[j]$.

Do we really need the b table (back-pointers)?

	∅	B	D	C	A	B	A
∅	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
B	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
C	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
B	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
B	0	1	2	3	3	4	4

Question: From which neighbor did we expand to the highlighted cell?

Answer: Left neighbor, because $X[i] \neq Y[j]$ and $LCS[i, j-1] > LCS[i-1, j]$.

Do we really need the b table (back-pointers)?

	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
B	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
C	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
B	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
B	0	1	2	3	3	4	4

Question: From which neighbor did we expand to the highlighted cell?

Answer: Upper neighbor, because $X[i] \neq Y[j]$ and $LCS[i, j-1] = LCS[i-1, j]$.
(See pseudo-code to see how ties are handled.)

Improving the Space Requirements

We can eliminate the b table altogether

- each $c[i, j]$ entry depends only on 3 other c table entries: $c[i-1, j-1]$, $c[i-1, j]$ and $c[i, j-1]$

Given the value of $c[i, j]$:

- We can determine in $O(1)$ time which of these 3 values was used to compute $c[i, j]$ without inspecting table b
- We save $\Theta(mn)$ space by this method
- However, space requirement is still $\Theta(mn)$ since we need $\Theta(mn)$ space for the c table anyway

What if we store the last 2 rows only?

	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset							
A							
B							
C	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
B	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
D							
A							
B							

To compute $c[i, j]$, we only need $c[i-1, j-1]$, $c[i-1, j]$, and $c[i-1, j-1]$

So, we can store only the last two rows.

What if we store the last 2 rows only?

	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset							
A							
B							
C							
B	0	1	1	2	2	3	3
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A							
B							

To compute $c[i, j]$, we only need $c[i-1, j-1]$, $c[i-1, j]$, and $c[i-1, j-1]$

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	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset							
A							
B							
C							
B							
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A	0	1	2	2			
B							

To compute $c[i, j]$, we only need $c[i-1, j-1]$, $c[i-1, j]$, and $c[i-1, j-1]$

So, we can store only the last two rows.

This reduces space complexity from $\Theta(mn)$ to $\Theta(n)$.

Is there a problem with this approach?

What if we store the last 2 rows only?

	\emptyset	B	D	C	A	B	A
\emptyset							
A							
B							
C							
B							
D	0	1	2	2	2	3	3
A	0	1	2	2			
B							

Is there a problem with this approach?

We cannot construct the optimal solution because we cannot backtrack anymore.

This approach works if we **only need the length of an LCS**, not the actual LCS.