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### **Optimal Matrix Multiplication** Examen parcial d'Algorísmia, FME (2012-11-13)

Given two matrices with dimensions  $n_1 \times n_2$  and  $n_2 \times n_3$ , the cost of the usual multiplication algorithm is  $\Theta(n_1n_2n_3)$ . For simplicity, let us consider that the cost is exactly  $n_1n_2n_3$ .

Suppose that we must compute  $M_1 \times \cdots \times M_m$ , where every  $M_i$  is an  $n_i \times n_{i+1}$  matrix. Since the product of matrices is associative, we can choose the multiplication order. For example, to compute  $M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3 \times M_4$ , we could either choose  $(M_1 \times M_2) \times (M_3 \times M_4)$ , with cost  $n_1n_2n_3 + n_3n_4n_5 + n_1n_3n_5$ , or either choose  $M_1 \times ((M_2 \times M_3) \times M_4)$ , with cost  $n_2n_3n_4 + n_2n_4n_5 + n_1n_2n_5$ , or three other possible orders.

Write a program to find the minimum cost of computing  $M_1 \times \cdots \times M_m$ .

## Input

Input consists of several cases, each one with *m* followed by the m + 1 dimensions. Assume  $2 \le m \le 100$  and  $1 \le n_i \le 10^4$ .

## Output

For every case, print the minimum cost to compute the product of the *m* matrices.

#### Sample input

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2 1 2 3
3 10 20 30 40
10 9000 4000 3500 8000 2000 7500 6000 1000 8500 5500 7000
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# Sample output

6 18000 302250000000

#### **Problem information**

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